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OF THE

Town of Palmer

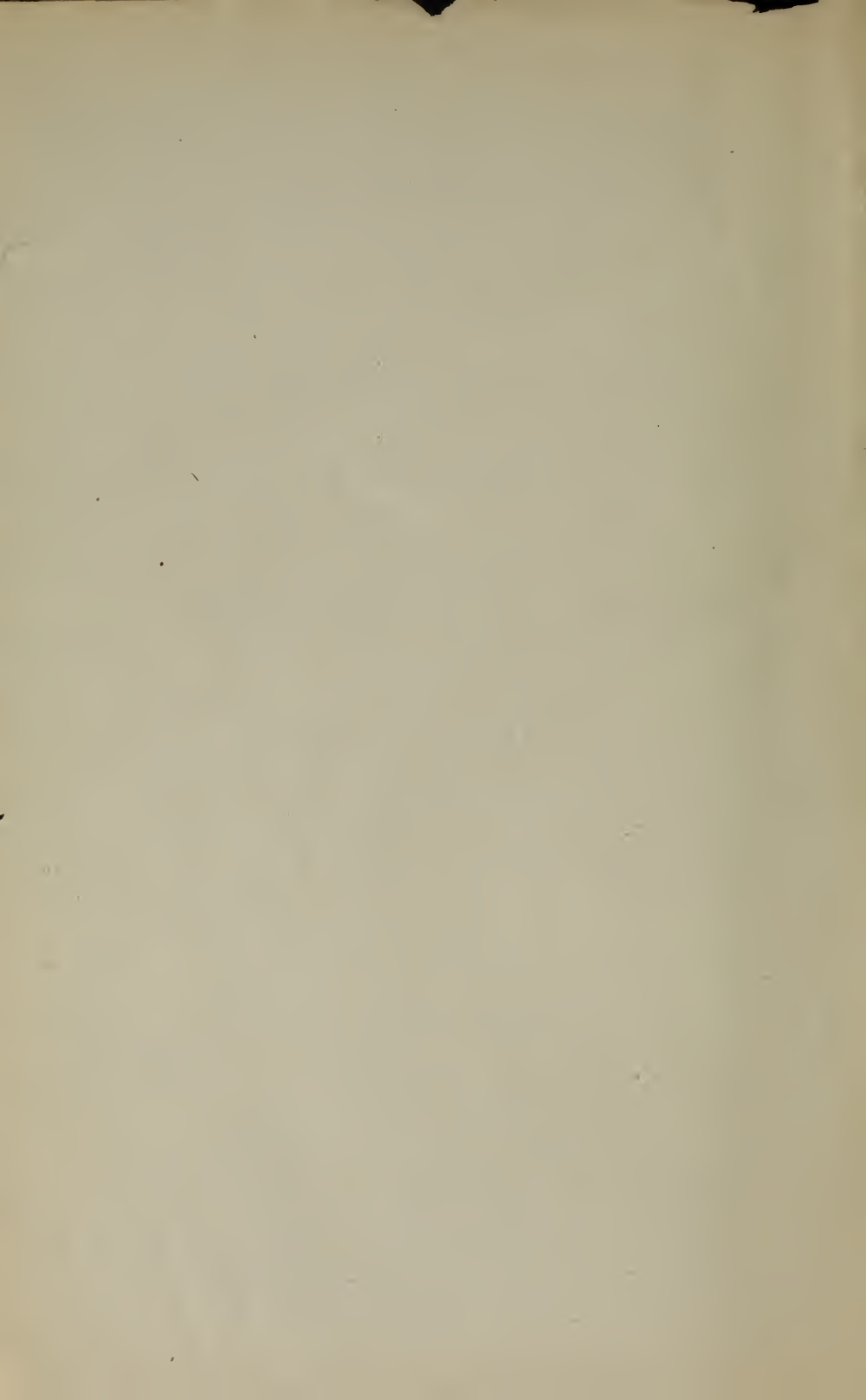
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Town Officers---1915

Selectmen

H. W. BRAINERD, Chairman.

CHARLES D. HOLDEN, WILLIAM E. McDONALD.

Died Dec. 11, 1915.

Assessors

R. E. CUMMINGS,	Term expires 1916
CHARLES E. FULLER,	Term expires 1917
JOHN O. HAMILTON,	Term expires 1918

Overseers of the Poor

PATRICK J. FITZGERALD,	Term expires 1916
FRANK J. HAMILTON,	Term expires 1917
DR. CHARLES GIROUX,	Term expires 1918

Town Clerk, 3 Years

JOHN F. FOLEY,	Term expires 1918
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Town Treasurer

GEORGE E. CLOUGH.

School Committee

JOHN F. SHEA,	Term expires 1916
DR. GEORGE A. MOORE,	Term expires 1916
JAMES WILSON,	Term expires 1917
SAMUEL E. THAYER,	Term expires 1917
WILLIAM B. KERIGAN,	Term expires 1918
DR. JOHN F. ROCHE,	Term expires 1918

Board of Health

DR. JACOB P. SCHNEIDER,	Term expires 1916
DR. SAMUEL O. MILLER,	Term expires 1917
WILLARD C. HITCHCOCK,	Term expires 1918

Tax Collector

JAMES AUSTIN HAWKES.

Cemetery Commissioners.

DAVID L. BODFISH,	Term expires 1917
SAMUEL M. PHILLIPS,	Term expires 1918
LEWIS R. HOLDEN,	Term expires 1916

Auditors

EVERETT W. CARPENTER,
CHARLES K. GAMWELL

Constables

GEORGE A. BILLS, MICHAEL COLLINS,
JAMES J. MANNING, EDWARD F. McKELLIGOTT,
THOMAS HOLT.

Fence Viewers

JOSEPH M. ALLEN, DENNIS MAHONEY,
PURLIN M. SHEARER.

Tree Warden

CHARLES E. FULLER.

Field Drivers

PURLIN M. SHEARER, JAMES SUMMERS.

Highway Surveyor

CHARLES T. BRAINERD.

License Commissioners

J. CLIFFORD SHAW, WILLIAM BURDICK.
PATRICK H. GARVEY.

Measurers of Wood and Bark

JOSEPH M. ALLEN, FRANK E. ALBRO,
RUFUS L. BOND, Died Sept. 30, 1915.

Town Clerk's Report

RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1915

Number of births,	339
deaths,	144
marriages,	127
marriage certificates issued,	125
chattel mortgages,	21
assignment of wages,	0
discharge of mortgage,	3

DOGS.

Total number,	362
Males,	329
Females,	33

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN PALMER, 1915

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS' NAMES
Jan. 1	Joseph,	Michael and Lucia Shadowroski
1	Nellie,	Frank and Agnes Stzempek
1	John,	Joseph and Magalina Jorczak
4	Ellen,	Frank and Annie Kovalczk
7	Ellen L.,	Fred and Frances Miller
9	Genovepha,	Michael and Karolina Kohanek
11	Stanislaus,	Joseph and Annie Strzemieniski
14	Nellie,	Stanislaus and Mary Michalak
14	Charles W.,	Charles W. and Agnes Chamberlain

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS' NAMES
14	Annie,	Peter and Margaret Karlon
14	Stanislaus,	Wawrzeniec and Mary Boğacz
14	Antholina,	Wadeslaf and Mary Wegiel
15	Czeslaw,	Thomas and Josie Dojka
17	Edward,	Joseph and Carthagena Sempek
19	Stephanie,	Stanislaus and Agnes Marcinek
21	Beatrice L.,	Peter and Mabel Theferge
24	Peter,	John and Julia Srka
24	Antholina,	Jan and Julia Jajuga
26	Annie,	John and Nellie Wilga
26	Mary,	Albert and Zophia Worgoulek
26	Stephens,	Peter and Annie Yavorski
26	Evelyn B. M.,	Peter E. and Amelia Cody
27	Ruth R.,	Jesse and Daisy Dearden
27	Charles,	Charles and Frances Baroni
27	Wadeslaf,	Ignacy and Veronica Kzsnowek
29	Elizabeth,	Theophile and Keidy Zimme
31	Eveline,	Louis and Lula Brow
31	Lina,	Louis and Lula Brow
Feb. 4	Garfield,	Garfield and Cora Johnson
8	Eldred H. G.	Henry and Lena M. Bowman
9	Joseph,	Stanislaus and Rosalia Polyago
10	Wadeslaf,	Jacob and Ellen Maciejak
11	Joseph A.,	Edward and Stella E. Brow
15	Julia,	Frank and Bridgie Preuznyna
15	James W.,	James F. and Rose M. Duffy
15	.....	Bronislaus and Wichtovyjoe Polregte
19	Stephens,	Anthoney and Camilla Kovalszk
20	Hellen,	Stanislaus and Antholina Seok
20	Robert R.,	Joseph and Eva Leveillie
20	Award,	Albert and Katy Gill
21	Alma L.,	Emile and Sophia Erickson
21	Aurelia,	John and Victoria Thyburski
24	John V.,	John A. and Annie Shea
27	George A.,	Robert W. and Matha M. Hutton
28	Adalphus,	Wadeslaf and Bridget Bysiewiez

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS' NAMES
Mar.	2 Emilia,	Zygmunt and Carthana Salomon
	2 Henry R.,	Robert H. and Annie E. Hyde
	2 John,	William and Sarah Allen
	7 Stanislaus,	John and Rosalia Sotis
	5 Leo M. J.,	Joseph and Joanna Domey
	9 Veronica,	Julian and Mary A. Mekanis
	10 Mary,	Frank and Josephine Izyk
	11 Stephanie A.,	Stanislaus and Victoria Pigota
	12 Alex D.,	Claude H. and Mina B. Kendall
	12 Josepha,	Joseph and Helena Krzepka
	13 Joseph H.,	Philippe and Valentine Leflure
	13 Casimir,	Ladislaus and Josephine Rusicik
	13 Helen C.,	Eugene and Judith Forsman
	14 Ruth E.,	Robert E. and Nina Faulkner
	16	Leslie F. and Mary S. Snowden
	17 Chester,	Rockwood and Rose Lindblad
	17 Stephania,	Frank and Theophila Kowish
	18 Zophie,	Anthoney and Mary Kogut
	19	
	20 Stanislawka,	Boleslaf and Mary Boldyga
Apr.	21 Julian,	Walerz and Josephine Zarodkiwicz
	21 Lena M.,	John and Elene Moon
	24 Katy,	Joseph and Veronica Couchemider
	24	Samuel H. and Nellie Nettleton
	25 Herbert B.,	Walter P. and Sarah M. Bacon
	27 Howard R.,	Earl E. and Mildred M. Wickman
	27 Marie M. J.,	Celas and Elizabeth Camerlin
	30 Boleslaf,	Martin and Agnes Noga
	30 Wilbur C.,	Edmond and Carrie Coto
	1 Genovepha,	John and Julia Stepanick
	2 Stephens,	Thomas and Mary Sadera
	3 Stephania,	Stanislaus and Annie Kamiski
	3 Caroline,	Martin and Caroline Sandy
	4 Anna,	Gilbert and Minnie Nobert
	4 Norma M.,	James A. and Mary Christenson
	6 Lawrence H.,	Perley and Albertine Herrick

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS' NAMES
	8 William,	Casimir and Ellen Domingul
	8 Augustyn,	Powell and Aunorata Smola
	9 James L.,	John L. and Dora Shea
	9 Wadeslawia,	Boleslaf and Alice Glemen-ski
	10 Joseph,	George and Martine Lafranchise
	10	Carl and Hannah Gullmis
	12 Stanislaus,	Frank and Annie Sowitezki
	12 Janice L.,	Alfonse C. and Lucy Abare
	15	
	16 Mary,	William and Maggie Dunlop
	18 Arthur,	Alfred and Lora Benoit
	21 Albert,	William and Tekla Saltish
	21 Wadeslaf,	Edgard and Mary Suprena
	21 Joseph,	Ignace and Appollina Kweeski
	22 Katherine E.,	James H. and Nellie G. Burns
	22	Staney and Mary Stanislaw
	26 Julia C.,	Harold M. and Julia H. Parsons
	28 Eleanor,	John and Elizabeth Seliga
May	1 Henry A.,	Neils F. and Delia Munk
	2 Bernard L.,	Lewis and Mary Berry
	3 Clement H.,	
		Daniel F. and Katherine T. Brosnan
	4 Stanislaus,	Chester and Anna Wozniakowski
	8 Joseph,	George and Elizabeth Belisle
	8 Clarence H.,	Jason H. and Edna B. Keith
	11 Wilfred H.,	Henry and Alma Broduer
	11 Theodore,	Frank and Zophie Papuga
	13 Virginia E.,	John E. and Clara Roberts
	15 Zophia,	Egnice and Eleonora Pykta
	16 Leo A.,	Leo and Adelle Charron
	16 John,	Michael and Ellena Frydrick
	21 Irving J.,	Arthur W. and Rachel Holbrook
	21 Adam,	Peter and Jennie Mirchenkantz
	23 Andrzej,	Karol and Mary Wielkiewicz
	24 Bronislawa,	Joseph and Josie Opiloski
	25 Charles F.,	Frank S. and Ruth E. Keith

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS' NAMES
	28 Mary A.,	Joseph and Appolian Kinerwy
	29 Leo,	Jeremiah and Malvina Rock
	30 Stanislaus,	Wadeslaf and Annie Doukiwicz
	31 Dorothy E.,	William P. and Nellie E. Murphy
	31 Dorie R.,	Albert and Ruby E. Walder
	31 Nelson G. S.,	Gustaf L. and Signer Carlson
June	2 Charlotte J.,	Charles E. and Annie Walker
	4 Frank,	Peter and Minnie Kutyka
	8 Mary,	Joe and Vacuza Smiraglia
	8 Frederick B.,	Frederick G. and Ruth H. Lindstrom
	12 John,	Peter and Katie Jowojoise
	14 Francis A.,	William J. and Hazel Mongeau
	14 Stella A.,	Louis and Georgianna Mayotte
	14 Felisca,	Stanislaus and Franciska Marciniac
	17 Katy,	John and Nellie Kigetn
	17 Mary,	Mikotay and Mary Niemic
	19 James C.,	James and Floretta Scarborough
	21 William E.,	Thomas W. and Manda Holt
	24 John,	Walter and Elizabeth Gula
	26 Wadeslaf,	Stanislaus and Katy Papuga
	27 Peter,	Stanislaus and Stanislawa Sakoffki
	28 Alice,	Henry and Clara Laviolette
	29 Frances M.,	John A. and Lena M. Hearn
July	1 Boleslaf,	Anthoney and Bronislawa Kuzak
	5 Mary A.,	Selange and Ovilina Cocheir
	5 Joseph,	Albert and Bridget Szostek
	7 Frank,	Anthoney and Marie A. Gralieski
	7 Marie A.,	Ignace and Bronislawa Wetkoffki
	11 John,	Michael and Tekla Sawonink
	11 Wadslaw,	John and Mary Pietras
	12 Mary,	Joseph and Zophia Cichay
	13	
	14	Felex and Sophia Choleuvoi
	14 Dorothy,	Arthur F. and Gertrude E. McGrath
	14 Mary A.,	Michael and Julia Banish

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS' NAMES
	15 Arthur R.,	Arthur and Dorothe Painipare
	16 Arthur A.,	Oliver and Elmira Rondeau
	16 Aledin,	Milke and Annie Ambrose
	17 Joseph,	Anthona and Marguerite Yolda
	18 Evelyn E.,	Henning W. and Anna Forsman
	20 Emery,	Wilfred and Emerence Boissy
	21 Lena,	Frank and Minsia Gaglanio
	21 Anita A. L.,	Ovila and Dorilla Venne
	23 Ellen L.,	Fred L. and Irene Walker
	24 Stanislaws,	Stanislaws and Mari A. Kazmri
	24 Yadwidga,	Anthoney and Anasthasia Czajka
	24 Myles T.,	William and Marie L. Gaffney
	25 Irene,	Michael E. and Katherine Monahan
	26 Mary,	Wojcieh and Franciska Frydryk
	26 Stanislaus,	Maceiej and Agata Skora
	27	
	28 Jennie,	John and Rosae Phederski
	28 Leonard R.,	George and Ida Bruso
	28 Mary,	Nick and Antonia Jesuvolde
	28 Viola V.,	Erick and Jennie Anderson
	29 Mederic,	Telesphore and Albertine Bouthillier
	29 Sophie,	Stanley and Mary Skoworo
	30 Frederick C.,	James and Lillian Rathbone
Aug.	1 Stephen F.,	Edward and Hellen Crimmins
	3 Sophie,	John and Sophie Wogtaszczyk
	3 George E.,	William and Rose Goodreau
	4 Mabel G.,	Louis and Rose LaValley
	5 Eudore T.,	Frank and Louise Brodeur
	5 Joseph,	Mack and Mary Portcharvicz
	5 Elizabeth V.,	Irving and Alice Davis
	6 Annie,	Martin and Apolina Sotis
	6 Joseph, William and	Wadeskawa Papougenski
	6 Chester E.,	Chester W. and Ruth Canterbury
	7 Richard W.,	Winfield W. and Flora Cheney
	8 Anthoney,	Jan and Bronislawa Pikul
	8 Stanislaws,	Jan and Adela Bobkiewicz

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS' NAMES
	9 Marie F.,	Albert and Marie Smith
	10 Beatrice V.,	Simeon and Mathilda Chabot
	10 Sophia,	Charles and Mary Zabka
	12 Maria R. A.,	Armand and Maria Taurangeau
	13 Wadeslawa M.,	Walter and Franciksa Dymon
	13 Veronica,	Anthony and Agatha Frydrick
	14 Franciska,	Pawel and Martianna Opolas
	14 John,	Albert and Stephania Marchalewicz
	14 Rose,	Lawrence and Zophia Rusek
	17 Vanda,	John and Franciska Topor
	17 John J.,	John J. and Ella E. Donohue
	18 Jennie,	Michael and Zophia Opogowski
	20 Hellena,	Albert and Savera Padykula
	21 Louise,	Stephens and Agnes Orlick
	21 Mary,	Paul and Helena Kielbasa
	21 Mary,	John and Julia Czupryna
	24 Mary,	Albert and Annie Wilk
	24 Edward A.,	Joseph and Maggie Miseasek
	24	Michael and Dora Jakubowski
	25 Casemira,	Joseph and Nellie Mikowa
	27 Frank,	Jozef and Mary Curyllo
	28 Wlada,	Joseph and Mary Zysk
	30 Paul L.,	Abner W. and Jennie Podrat
	31 Joseph H.,	Jean B. and Dorilla Sancoucy
Sept.	1 Karolina,	Thedeus and Honorata Szada
	2 Hellena,	Albert and Savera Padykula
	2 John,	Cyprien and Zophie Stec
	3 Nellie C.,	Albert and Annie Szeldega
	4 Bernice R.,	John and Eva Desisley
	5 Stanislaus,	John and Rosal Kapinus
	6 William F.,	William C. and Hazel Daly
	6 Angilo,	Paul and Angilal Cipollo
	8 Albine,	John and Annie Krabush
	9 Edward,	Martin and Appolonia Wadas
	9 Veronica,	Kasimier and Katherine Felksaztys
	10 Feliciala,	Joseph and Carthagena Morel

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS' NAMES
	11 Beatrice,	Nelson and Lucie Brodeur
	12 Wadeslaf,	Thomas and Marianna Kapinus
	14 Wadeslaf,	Machael and Theresa Bobowiec
	14 Cora P.,	David and Margaret Reed
	14 Thomas,	Stanislaw and Cordela Topur
	15 Gordan L.,	Lisle L. and Julia Wiggins
	17 John,	Louis and Mary Conte
	18 Edward,	John and Worverta Reiniawicz
	18 Marshal W.,	Warren and Lena Dane
	19 Flory,	Joseph and Bridget Sterzyk
	19 Zophia,	Joseph and Katy Zabicki
	20	
	21 Helen,	Thomas and Mary Santucci
	22 Thelma,	Walfred and Hilda Peterson
	22 Robert A.,	Jeremiah and Grace Lamery
	23 Beatrice,	John and Sophie Stokosi
	25	David and Rose Dobey
	25 Annie,	James and Anne Petrauski
	26 Vanda N.,	Andrzej and Mary Stoklosa
	26 Esther H.,	Rufus P. and May Bacon
	28 John,	Michael and Mary Bonac
	28 Florence,	Peter and Mary Gernon
	29 Felisca,	John and Mary Zachara
	29 Joseph,	Michael and Appollina Dziala
	29 William,	John and Rose Jusenski
	30 Josie,	Peter and Carthagena Mihalat
Oct.	1	Ezra P. and Anna L. Gould
	1 Ruth,	George J. and Lena Gunn
	1 Frank,	Joseph and Mary Rozenbajger
	2 Edward A.,	William B. and Alice Askins
	2 Bronislawa,	Wadyslaf and Justinia Kulis
	3 Wadyslaw,	Francissek and Annie Szmigiel
	4 George J.,	George and Alice LaDuke
	5 Joseph,	Anthoney and Yawiga Was
	6 Victor B.,	David and Georgianna Plant
	7 Joseph,	Waleck and Annie Golas

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS' NAMES
8	Phila L.,	Arthur and Alice Vaile
11	William,	Himen and Sadie Patkin
11	Maria,	Woyciech and Julia Zagraniczny
11	Helen,	William and Mary Baldyga
12	Willard E.,	Henry G. and Elsie M. Thrasher
13	Raymond E.,	Alphonse and Mary Henrichon
13	John,	Stanislaw and Annie Milemski
16	Alvin,	Walter and Anna Ritchie
17	Julia,	Mike and Bridget Wick
17	Frank,	Frank and Viola Macuga
19	Mary,	Frank and Lucy Stickney
20	Julia,	Macicha and Mary Bobeck
21	Gordon M.,	Alvin and Alice Cavanaugh
21	Clinton R.,	Silias N. and Acil Stimson
23	Merton C.,	Arthur and Alice Smith
24	Walter R.,	Roy A. and Eda Vincent
24	Stephania,	Frank and Rosae Zadroga
26	Gunnor,	David and Gunhild Sjoglen
26	.....	Ernest W. and Elizabeth Taylor
26	Ludwich,	Warnick and Mary Michart
27	Marim,	Joseph and Lucy Russo
28	Charles W.,	William F. and Harriet Otis
28	Domitilla,	William and Annie Ambrose
29	.....	David and Grunhill Snagren
29	Wadeslaf,	Powell and Annilla Pietryka
30	Francis,	Daniel J. and Mary F. Dunn
30	Daniel,	Daniel and Delia Austin
30	Wadeslawawa,	Stanislaw and Ellen Lech
31	Joseph J.,	Jerzy and Bridget Bobrowski
Nov. 1	Alfred,	Anthoney and Mary Pietro
1	.....
2	Henry I.,	Christian and Gertrude Oleson
4	George A.,	John W. and Ida Birse
4	Herbert,	Isaac and Lizzie Cole
6	Toney,	Adam and Topheha Hersman
7	

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	8 Helen E.,	Walter and Ida Robertson
	10 Mary,	Rock and Francis Tupsy
	12 Alexander,	Szczepan and Veronica Matera
	12 Edward J.,	Wadeslaf and Margogata Kos
	14 Joseph,	Stanislaw and Sabina Polonski
	14 Peter,	Szyman and Antholina Hermata
	15 Cora,	Joseph and Josie Rys
	18 Marie A.,	Ludwik and Antholina Marchalerwicz
	20 Bronislawa,	John and Stanislaw Kowalsczyk
	20 Julia,	Thomas and Victoria Wilga
	20 Stanislaw,	Fransissek and Alexander Alitki
	20 Annie A.,	John and Agnes Foder
	21 Francis R.,	Andrew and Mary Dllil
	21 Joseph,	Adam and Alexander Cieszajtyś
	21 Ludwick,	Casimir and Annie Pietros
	21 John,	Piotr and Tekla Frydryk
	21 Herbert F.,	Maine M. and Alma Royce
	23 John,	Elias and Anesthesia Mitchell
	27 Marie B. Y.,	Narcisse and Philomene Bernard
	28 Mary,	Frank and Mary Banack
	30 Benjamin,	Benjamin and Eva Donnelly
Dec.	2 John,	Michel and Agnes Gadek
	3 Robert A.,	Robert and Mary E. Pease
	3 Boleslaf,	John and Mary Tybursky
	3 Salina V.,	Rudolph and Ruth Lundell
	6 Oliver P.,	Leo and Margaret Darche
	6 Raymond N.,	John N. and Ruby A. Johnson
	7 Amelia,	Joseph and Mary Wrobel
	9 Harold K.,	Joseph and Ella V. Wilkes
	10	
	10 Daniel F.,	Daniel M. and Mary G. Finnerty
	11 Louise D.,	Harold E. and Dora C. Morgan
	11 Czsłowa M.,	Ignace and Mekalnia Dermochot
	14 Anthoney,	Machkel and Malga Reinawiy
	14 Bronislaf,	Adam and Annie Stenkianiy
	15 Milicent H.,	Earle and Helen Cordner

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS' NAMES
16	Florence E.,	Leon E. and Gladys Sorell
17	Ella L.,	Thomas and Goldie Wheeler
19	John,	Joseph and Annie Nicodem
21	Edith M.,	Russell M. and Elinor E. Canning
24	Stanislaus,	Peter and Keidy Pwrda
24	Stephanie,	Anthoney and Antholina Wojcik
26	John,	Lawrence and Carthagena Kusha
27	Ludwick,	Peter and Annie Valtoche
30	Walter,	Frank and Grace, Phaneuf
31	Francis,	Joseph and Louisa St. Amand

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN PALMER, 1915

JANUARY

DATE	GROOM	RESIDENCE	BRIDE	RESIDENCE
2.	Joseph S. McAdam,	Three Rivers	Margaret M. Brown,	Belchertown
4.	Williard E. Sedgwick,	Palmer	Olive F. Thompson,	Palmer
12.	Leon Rec,	Bondsville	Antonina Szuprenska,	Bondsville
19.	Joseph Orluk,	Three Rivers	Olga Brazynska,	Thorndike
19.	Charles E. Alger,	Palmer	Blanche King,	Providence, R. I.
19.	Andrew P. Przybyla,	Bondsville	Klova Czupryna,	Bondsville
24.	Ladislaus Marray,	Bondsville	Mary Przybylo,	Bondsville
26.	Augustyn Olender,	Greenfield	Anna Sakourka,	Three Rivers
26.	Joseph Hul,	Thorndike	Ludinka Siwierat,	Thorndike
26.	Ignatius Darmofat,	Palmer	Mehalina Majda,	Three Rivers
26.	Adalbert Kapinos,	Bondsville	Maria Makuch,	Bondsville
28.	Elmer G. Childs,	Palmer	Alice L. Thompson	Palmer

FEBRUARY

1.	Adolph Girouard,	Palmer	Mary Dubois,	Chicopee
2.	Joseph Wnuk,	Three Rivers	Katarzyna Huial,	Three Rivers
2.	Frank Alicka	Three Rivers	Alexandra Kobys,	Three Rivers
2.	Ladislav Gruszynski,	Bondsville	Helena Papurzynska,	Bondsville
3.	Adalbert Kaczmarczyk,	Three Rivers	Julia Kochanek,	Three Rivers
8.	Wilfred A. Henrichon,	Three Rivers	Rose Alma Desforge,	Ware
8.	Adalbert Bubon,	Bondsville	Bronislawa Kos,	Bondsville
9.	Wojcieh Trzeciak,	Three Rivers	Victoria Bozentko,	Three Rivers
9.	Paul Jambora,	Bondsville	Ursula Nowalug,	Bondsville
13.	Thomas J. Brown,	Belchertown	Minnie Dunlop,	Palmer
14.	Leon Antionwiz,	Belchertown	Veronica Jacunski,	Palmer
15.	Jerry Lamery,	Thorndike	Grace Miller,	Thorndike
16.	William Goodreau,	Palmer	Rose St. John,	Palmer

MARCH

17.	Augustine R. Murphy,	Springfield	Charlotte V. Bligh,	Springfield
23.	Harry E. Steele,	Palmer	Iva M. Lamb,	Stafford, Ct.

APRIL

DATE	GROOM	RESIDENCE	BRIDE	RESIDENCE
5.	Edward Harness,	Palmer	Edwardina Bonin.	Fitchburg
6.	Frank M. Doyle,	Bondsville	Florence B. Sugrue,	Thorndike
10.	Rexford R. Paine,	Palmer	Sara M. Thompson,	Palmer
12.	Ambrose O. St. George,	Palmer	Margaret E. Lane,	Palmer
15.	George E. Fuller,	Springfield	Helena P. Lamb,	Bondsville
19.	George Mayo,	Springfield	Rose A. Paquette,	Three Rivers
27.	Christen Christiansen,	Palmer	Else Højgard,	Palmer
27.	Peter Milenski,	Greenfield	Maryanna Bastek,	Three Rivers

MAY

4.	Julian Kulis,	Three Rivers	Jozefa Konarzewska,	Three Rivers
4.	Stanislaus Seksciowski,	Three Rivers	Bronislaa Lewkoiniz,	Three Rivers
9.	Stanislas Kawahee,	Bondsville	Angela Wybranice,	Bondsville
11.	Joseph Rys,	Bondsville	Josepha Adamczyk,	Bondsville
18.	Frank Banach,	Three Rivers	Mary Polkonski,	Three Rivers
20.	Bronislau Krzewski,	Monson	Mary Zyskowka,	Thorndike
22.	Roy F. Terrell,	Palmer	Phyllis I. Dane,	Palmer
24.	Frederick Reil,	Thorndike	Dorena Girouard,	Bondsville
25.	Kilton Mleniez,	Thompsonville, Ct.	Maria Lebida,	Bondsville
25.	Josef Cihon,	Bondsville	Ludwika Kusnez,	Bondsville
31.	Walter G. St. John,	Palmer	Maria E. Chouinard,	Indian Orchard
31.	Antoni Kupier,	Bondsville	Katarzyna Murdza,	Bondsville
31.	Ignacy Zowada,	Bondsville	Maryanna Nowak,	Bondsville

JUNE

1.	Tomasz Wilkiewicz,	Three Rivers	Mary Malodobra,	Three Rivers
5.	Arvid O. Swanson,	Springfield	Alice P. Howe,	Palmer
8.	Hassan Solomon,	Three Rivers	Evelina Dubuque,	Bondsville
8.	Edward E. N. Boyer,	Amherst	Teresa M. Devine,	Shelburn, N. S.
11.	John Whitfield,	Palmer	Jeanette Burgess,	Palmer
15.	Ignatius Twiski,	Three Rivers	Mary Sawricka,	Thorndike
16.	Samuel F. Wilson,	Detroit, Mich	Della A. Hastings,	Palmer
16.	Benjamin Emery,	Kennebunkport, Me.	Hazel I. Thayer,	Palmer
17.	Harold L. Eldridge,	Palmer	Helen E. McDonald,	Palmer
18.	George E. Woodhead,	Worcester	Ida J. Daggett,	Worcester
19.	Einar Lank,	Newport, R. I.	Thora E. Johnson,	Palmer
22.	Luther H. Hayes,	Keene, N. H.	Irene C. LeGro,	Palmer
22.	Jan Mastalerz,	Three Rivers	Franciszka Milos,	Ware
23.	Frank P. Holdsworth,	Palmer	Genie Page,	Palmer
29.	George L. Warriner,	Palmer	Stella M. Hodge,	Monson
29.	Stanislas Mileuski,	Three Rivers	Mary Krolak,	Three Rivers

JULY

1.	Robert Young,	Palmer	Hannah H. Taylor,	Palmer
4.	Orton F. Worby,	Palmer	Mary Higbe,	Warren
6.	Alexander Orluk,	Three Rivers	Helena Milewska,	Three Rivers
6.	Michael Maziarz,	Bondsville	Maria Lebida,	Bondsville
6.	Stanislaus Szczepanias,	Bondsville	Florina Pisarczyk,	Bondsville
23.	George W. Sumner,	Palmer	Ada L. Fletcher,	Ware

AUGUST

DATE	GROOM	RESIDENCE	BRIDE	RESIDENCE
1.	William Scarborough,	Palmer	Mary A. McNamara,	So. Vernon
4.	Thomas Juda,	Warren	Agnes Subka,	Thorndike
10.	Joseph Jamlenicz,	Three Rivers	Bronislaa Grochowska,	Thorndike
16.	John Lapa,	Bondsville	Julia Bigda,	Bondsville
24.	Albert Collette,	Barre	Florence B. Thurlow,	Wilbraham
24.	Ladislaus Duda,	Three Rivers	Mary Borkowska,	Three Rivers
24.	Ladislaus Tenczar,	Indian Orchard	Amela Sinzdek,	Thorndike
31.	Casimirus Burek,	Three Rivers	Stanislaa Stopinska,	Three Rivers
31.	Stanislaus Wilczek,	Three Rivers	Catharina Wontrobska,	Three Rivers
31.	Stanislaus Panlouski,	Three Rivers	Emilia Pilat,	Three Rivers

SEPTEMBER

1.	Michael Bogacz,	Three Rivers	Karolina Podkowska,	Three Rivers
4.	Arsene Paquette,	Three Rivers	Ora Henrichon,	Three Rivers
6.	Ernest L. Gilman,	Palmer	Florence M. Freak,	Three Rivers
6.	John Tenczar,	Easthampton	Catharina Skrzmiarz,	Bondsville
7.	Theophil Kuzia,	Three Rivers	Helena Podsiadd,	Three Rivers
7.	Andrew Dranka,	Three Rivers	Catharina Szeliga,	Three Rivers
8.	George E. Killough,	Monson	Annie L. MacKay,	Monson
8.	Joseph W. Moore,	Templeton	Mima B. Hager,	Templeton
14.	Sobestyan Walas,	Three Rivers	Juzefa Rusek,	Three Rivers
14.	Frank Wojtowicz,	Three Rivers	Julia Kloczkowska,	Three Rivers
15.	John C. Johnson,	Palmer	Edna A. Blanchard,	Palmer
21.	Joseph Les,	Three Rivers	Bromslaa Bogacz,	Three Rivers
22.	Casper Bialorski,	Three Rivers	Anna Wrobel,	Three Rivers
23.	Newton E. Dillon,	Palmer	Myrtle V. Johnson,	Palmer
28.	Ledislaus Szlosek,	Three Rivers	Catherine Stachowicz,	Three Rivers
20.	Manuel Enos,	Ludlow	Francis Auguste,	Bondsville
21.	Joseph Swenton,	Thorndike	Stephanie Delicz,	Bondsville
27.	Joseph Sypek,	Bondsville	Apolonia Kapinos,	Bondsville
28.	Stanislaus Bazidlo,	Three Rivers	Justina Czyz,	Three Rivers

OCTOBER

2.	Herbert E. Johnson,	Palmer	Anna D. Hopfe,	Palmer
6.	Harley H. Gilman,	Palmer	Margaret L. King,	Springfield
6.	Clinton D. Frame,	Three Rivers	Irene E. Ritchie,	Springfield
12.	Thomas Robak,	Three Rivers	Katarzyna Pytko,	Three Rivers
12.	John H. Caspar,	Washington, D. C.	Catherine V. Ellis,	Bondsville
17.	Peter Kusek,	Chicopee Falls	Anna Wengryn,	Bondsville
19.	Ladislaus Karczymki,	Three Rivers	Catherine Fabian,	Thorndike
25.	Wilhelm Dobolek,	Bondsville	Agnes Padykula,	Bondsville
25.	Peter Skara,	Bondsville	Bronislawa Galos,	Bondsville
20.	Joseph Bourbeau,	Palmer	Agnes B. St. John,	Palmer
20.	Edgar P. Thomas,	St Clairsville, Ohio	Alice Gager,	Palmer
20.	James Wilson,	Three Rivers	Emeline C. Bruce,	Palmer
25.	Milton Bennett,	Three Rivers	Esther Nordstrom,	Three Rivers
26.	Kowalski, Venceslaus,	Monson	Apolonia Guter,	Thorndike
26.	Andrew Koziol,	Three Rivers	Julia Krol,	Three Rivers
26.	Peter Grzelak,	Jewett City, Ct.	Sophia Kolton,	Thorndike

NOVEMBER

DATE	GROOM	RESIDENCE	BRIDE	RESIDENCE
3.	Harry H. Sackett,	Palmer	Ethel M. Hopkins,	Richmond, N. H.
8.	Frank S. Wijek,	Springfield	Katryna Slowick,	Palmer
15.	Paul J. Rollet,	Three Rivers	Lillie S. Coyer,	Three Rivers
16.	Anthony Cwiertmewicz,	Adams	Emilia Zimna,	Thorndike
24.	James R. Finn,	Springfield	Emma B. Brunelle,	Thorndike
25.	Ray L. Bartlett,	Westfield	Marion E. Backus,	Palmer

DECEMBER

1.	William H. Fenton,	Three Rivers	Mabel Reim,	West Warren
8.	William R. Earl,	Monson	Lottie M. Whitehead,	Meriden, Conn.
11.	Franklin R. Hastings,	Brimfield	Victoria Allard,	Wales
20.	Gerrard J. Rathbone,	Palmer	Susan E. Barlow,	Palmer
25.	George L. French,	Meriden, Conn.	Sophia E. Rice,	Palmer
26.	Emile Bengele,	Three Rivers	Eliza D. Monat	Three Rivers
27.	Cyril Roberts,	Three Rivers	Mathilda D. Gardner,	Springfield

DEATHS REGISTERED IN PALMER, 1915

DATE.	NAME.	YEARS.	M'THS.	DAYS.
Jan.	6 John Handzel,	..	..	12
	7 Henry R. Patterson,	4	8	15
	9 Melinda Dimeaux,	77	..	10
	10 Mary A. Tood,	63	11	19
	11 Charles L. Osborn,	57	6	11
	11 Mary A. Oliver,	78	7	19
	13 Julia Bigda,	1	1	2
	18 Bronislaw Trzcieinski.	..	..	22
	18 Catherine Fenton,	78	..	..
	20 Unknown,		unknown	
	21 Ethel Goodes.	23	6	15
	27 Samuel Mason,	43	9	24
Feb.	4 Sam Kojanick,	45	..	..
	7 Socobelusz Glotocz,	..	..	3
	8 Joseph Polwieglo,	.	15 minutes	
	9 Mary Miga,	6	10	30
	9 Patrick F. Hurley,	46	2	15
	10 Hanora Crimmins,	69	4	3
	11 Zofie Wawrznek,	1	11	29
	17 Mary J. Conroy,	55	..	..

DATE.	NAME.	YEARS.	M'THS.	DAYS.
	20 Stephen Sullivan,	..	1	23
	21 Adela Kielkowski,	..	2	5
	22 Jocwiga Miga,			16 days
	27 Wladislaw Kzsinowek,	..	1	..
	28 Nettie M. Fuller,	55	7	10
Mar.	3 William Rivers,	24	7	15
	4 Eliza G. Parker,	67	..	4
	9 Mary Tracy,	31	10	1
	12 Margret Burns,	84	4	25
	13 John Rowllins,	47	..	..
	13 Gustaf A. Wirstrom,	22	11	13
	13 Ellen Murphy,	73	4	13
	14 Viola E. Laplant,	..	6	2
	14 Evelyn Cody,	..	1	18
	18 Joseph Geoffroy,	65	1	16
	19 .....	..	..	..
	20 Jane Horan,	67	..	..
	25 Mabel E. Stebbins,	41	2	4
	25 Ignatius Zezatarski,	..	5	20
	25 David Fitzgerald,	66	..	..
	29 Walter I. Alger,	27	9	22
Apr.	3 Antonia Wegiel,	..	2	28
	6 Cordea Graveline,	40	8	2
	10 Victor J. Lafranchise,			7 hours
	11 Annie Lucas,	3	..	..
	14 Lucy P. Allen,	67	2	4
	15 .....	..	..	..
	17 Wladyslaw Kmiesik,	..	7	3
	18 Frederick Bressette,	53	4	20
	19 Ralph B. Francis,	59	2	24
	24 James W. Bradley,	25	7	3
May	2 Joseph E. Tierman,	..	5	15
	4 Josephine Skowronek,	21	..	..
	4 Denise Pimpare,	52	..	..
	7 Catherine Dunn,	79	..	..
	8 Joseph Belisle,	..	..	2

DATE.	NAME.	YEARS.	M'THS.	DAYS.
	10 George B. Roby,	76	1	30
	15 Leonard D. Foskit,	84	8	13
	17 Adelia Barber,	67	4	17
	23 Elizabeth H. Robert,	69	5	..
	25 Emily M. Holdsworth,	70	5	5
	28 Bridget M. Smith,	58	1	22
	30 Burritt M. Griswold,	59	4	14
June	9 Jennie C. Twiss,	40	2	7
	12 Elizabeth Smith,	29	..	2
	12 Smith,		2 hours	
	13 Andrew Wielkiewicz,	..	..	13
	16 Anthony Kagut,	27	..	..
	17 Margaret Shea,	75	..	..
	17 Franciszek Kieltyka,	..	..	13
	17 John Kowel,	25	5	4
	19 Frank Brosek,	..	9	8
	24 Henry Gwozdz,	6	4	24
	26 Michael Maciejak,	37	..	..
July	4 Frank W. Duffy,	72	3	6
	7 Ella F. Haraden,	29	5	21
	9 Mary Lafond,	80	..	15
	9 Evelyn Brault,	..	5	9
	10 Nicholas K. Rogers,	89	7	21
	17 Wrszurla Swinson,	33	..	..
	18 Garfield C. Johnson,	..	5	4
	26 Charles F. Keith,	..	2	1
	28 .....	..	..	..
	31 Louise Hallez,	42	10	..
Aug.	3 .....	..	..	20
	5 Dora Brobeur,	2	6	14
	7 Annie Donahue,	50	6	21
	7 Tuzeka,	1	..	1
	8 James Ashe,	86	..	..
	13 Albert Krawic,	1	4	15
	15 Sam Kokoziens,		unknown	
	22 Adolphine Sygiel,	..	10	1

DATE.	NAME.	YEARS.	MTHS.	DAYS.
	23 Sophia Lundell,	1	11	23
	24 .....	..	..	12 hours
	29 John Conroy,	70	..	..
	30 Maria Salvador,	..	8	29
	31 Mary Wilk,	..	..	8
Sept	.. Bernard Leary,	..	1	9
	7 Mary A. Boyle,	54	..	..
	11 Herbert Crofton,	51	4	17
	12 Rene Pimpare,	..	1	26
	12 Pawel Halewa,	..	1	28
	14 Calogero Baroni,	..	7	18
	15 John Broster,	45	7	29
	15 John J. Bray,	45	..	..
	16 Thomas Audon,	46	..	..
	20 .....	..	..	..
	23 Thelma Peterson,		22	hours
	25 Zofia Broton,	..	7	..
	26 Dube,		30	minutes
	27 Wladeslaw Pawlawski,	..	9	29
Oct.	4 Julia Marziarz,	7	6	13
	6 Mary A. Hanifin,	53	11	30
	12 Sarah Lenahan,	53	5	11
	15 Katherine Kowal,	3	11	21
	15 Viola V. Anderson,	..	2	18
	31 Stanislaw Sawicki,	..	6	20
	31 Walter Hammond,	72	7	11
Nov.	1 .....	..	..	..
	8 Vicacoa Smiglia,	23	7	17
	14 Joseph Polinski,		5	minutes
	17 Joseph W. Fountain,	18	3	13
	19 Nelson C. Hill,	70	11	..
	22 Wladyslawa Semanska,	..	7	2
	25 Margret Dowd,	75	..	..
	25 Joseph Lebeau,	65	1	26
	27 Jane A. Davis,	61	..	2
	28 John Pietruska,	38	..	..

DATE.	NAME.	YEARS.	M'THS.	DAYS.
	29 Mary Banach,			1 hour
	30 Cynthia M. Griswold,	54	4	11
Dec.	3 Lovina S. Tessier,	11	3	29
	4 Stanislaw Konopka,	..	4	4
	4 Mary J. Dillon,	65	4	2
	6 Mary F. Meehan,	42	7	28
	6 Robert A. Pease, Jr.,	..	..	2
	7 John Duda,	..	..	12
	9 Annie Petrawsik,	..	2	16
	11 William E. McDonald,	54	4	19
	14 Samuel H. Hellyar,	59	7	26
	18 Ludwik Orluk,	..	3	28
	19 Robert E. Henderson,	1	..	4
	26 Freeman B. Ramsden,	35	9	25
	26 Sarah J. Sherman,	81	11	11
	28 Amanda M. Rich,	87	8	13

JOHN F. FOLEY,
Town Clerk.

Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report :

ORGANIZATION. The board organized with Harold W. Brainerd, chairman, and William E. McDonald, clerk.

On December 11th Mr. McDonald died after an illness of several weeks. In his death the town suffered the loss of a good citizen and a conscientious and able official.

APPOINTMENTS. Ernest E. Hobson was appointed Town Counsel; J. E. Toole, Book-keeper; Louis E. Chandler, Burial Agent; D. L. Bodfish, Superintendent of Graves; Charles H. Keith and Dr. M. H. Davitt, Inspectors of Animals; and J. Austin Hawkes, Sealer of Weights and Measurers.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS. A contract was made with the Central Massachusetts Electric Company to furnish electric lights for all night service at the same rates as in 1914.

STREET SPRINKLING. A contract was made with the Palmer Water Company to furnish water for street sprinkling for a period of six months for \$300.00.

A contract was made with the Palmer Trucking Company to furnish teams and men when needed at \$4.50 per day.

JUNK PRIVILEGE. The junk privilege was awarded to Jacob Gold for \$525.00.

NEW TOWN OFFICES. About October 1st the town offices were moved from the Memorial Building to the quarters in the Holbrook Building on Main Street in accordance with the vote of the town. A lease of the offices for a period of ten (10) years from October 1st has been executed at a rental of \$960.00 a year.

POLICE. As authorized at the last annual town meeting, rules and regulations were made for the government of the night police officers. Timothy J. Crimmins was chosen Chief of Police, with full supervision and control over the night police officers, and has preformed his duties faithfully and capably. This arrangement has worked satisfactorily, but from the vast amount of work, such as investigations of various kinds and attendance at court, which has fallen upon Chief Crimmins to perform during the day, after having done patrol duty all night, it is the judgment of the Selectmen that the town has arrived at that period whene it should have a chief of police in addition to night officers. The Selectmen recommend that action be taken at the town meeting which will authorize the board to appoint a chief of police, whose duty it will be to conduct investigations, serve summonses, do patrol duty during the day and in the early hours of the evening, as occasion might require, and to have supervision and control over all the police officers of the town.

MAIN STREET BRIDGE. During the year settlement has been made relative to the obligations of the town in the matter of maintenance and repair of the flooring and approaches of the birdge over the Boston and Albany Railroad tracks at Main and Church Streets in the Depot Village. Following the installation of the new bridge a petition was filed in the Superior Court asking for the appointment of commissioners to determine, among other questions, the matter of maintenance of the flooring of the bridge and the approaches

thereto. The railroad company expressed its intention to have these obligations assumed by the town. This would have required the maintenance of the retaining wall along the westerly side of Main Street from the Flynt Building & Construction Company's office to the bridge, with the fence thereon, with heavy contingent liability in the case of any accident. The town contested the appointment of the commission requested in the Superior Court and several points raised by it were sustained by the Court and the petition dismissed. Following this action by the Court a decree was agreed upon wherein the flooring of the bridge, retaining walls and the fences are to be maintained by the railroad company.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Statement of recommendations for the next year, and receipts and expenditures of the past year follow:

Election and Registration,	\$485.00
Care and rent of Lockup,	675.00
Meat and Cattle Inspection,	400.00
Premium Workmens Compensation Ins.,	200.00
Book-keeper,	600.00
Selectmens' Other Expenses,	300.00
Contingent,	1,000.00
Care and rent of Town Offices,	1,025.00
Special Police,	300.00
Printing and Distributing Annual Reports,	275.00
Salaries of Selectmen,	500.00
Clerk of Selectmen,	100.00

HAROLD W. BRAINERD,

CHARLES D. HOLDEN,

Selectmen.

1900

Accounting Dept	675
Insurance	625
Collections	900
Personnel	1100
Law	500
Licenses	15
Town Clerk Office	425
Registration	500
Police Dept	300
Care - Rent of Lockup	700
Salaries of Workmen	300

Town Bookkeeper's Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Palmer, Mass:

Gentlemen: I respectfully submit herewith my report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1915.

RECEIPTS.

TAXES.

Current Year:

Poll,	\$3,852.00	
Personal,	27,519.99	
Real Estate,	52,845.31	\$84,217.30

Previous Years:

Personal,	7,007.97	
Real Estate,	6,551.32	
Unclassified,	1,091.58	14,650.87

From State:

Corporation			
(Business),	7,991.40		
Corporation			
(Pub. Service),	279.47		
National Bank Tax,	146.65		
Street Railway,	4,343.59	12,761.11	111,629.28

LICENSES AND PERMITS.

Liquor Licenses,	10,806.00		
Milk Licenses,	34.50		
Pool and Billiard			
Licenses,	56.00		
All other,	177.00	11,073.50	11,073.50

GRANTS AND GIFTS.

Hampden County:

Dog Licenses,	745.04		
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Individuals:

H. G. Loomis,	500.00	1,245.04	1,245.04
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OTHER GENERAL REVENUE.

Reimbursement:

Tax Losses,	25.78	25.78	25.78
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SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.

For Street Sprinkling,	938.64	938.64	938.64
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PRIVILEGES.

Junk Privilege,	525.00	525.00	525.00
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Town Clerk:

Sale of History,	.75	.75	.75
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

Forestry:

Use of Sprayer,	30.33		
Forest Fires,	7.40	37.73	37.73

HEALTH AND SANITATION.

Health:

Contagious diseases,	14.43		
All other,	24.29		

Sanitation:

Sewer Connections,	45.00		
Sewer Permits,	225.00		
Sales,	.25	308.97	308.97

HIGHWAYS.

General:

Sale of Old Materials,	68.72		
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Bridges:

For Bridge Repairs,	147.57		
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Construction:

From St. Ry. Co.,	1,873.87		
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Sidewalks and Curbing:

For Construction,	28.17	2,118.33	2,118.33
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CHARITIES.

Town Farm:

Sale of Produce,	635.81		
Board,	180.00	815.81	

Reimbursement:

From Cities and Towns,	55.98		
From State,	383.13	439.11	1,254.92

Soldiers' Benefit:

State and Military aid,	630.00		
Soldiers Burials,	50.00	680.00	680.00

EDUCATION.

Schools:

Tuition State Wards,	571.75		
Other Tuition,	1,309.24		
Sale of Books,	2.50	1,883.49	1,883.49

CEMETERIES.

Sale of Lots and Graves:

Lots,	304.00		
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Care of Lots and Graves:

Lots,	644.00		
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Grading,	62.30		
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Opening Graves,	267.00		
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Foundations,	334.35		
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All other,	3.30	1,614.95	1,614.95
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INTEREST.

On Deposits:

General,	401.72		
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On Trust Funds:

Merrick fund,	52.02		
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Thompson fund,	58.20	511.94	511.94
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MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of			
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Taxes,	50,000.00		50,000.00
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REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS.

Refunds:

Miscellaneous,	11.80		11.80
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BALANCES.

Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1914,		29,634.72	
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		<u>29,634.72</u>	
			\$213,494.84

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Selectmen's Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Selectmen,	500.00
Clerk,	100.00

Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage,	16.08	
Printing and		
Advertising,	38.41	
Carfares, Teams, etc.,	23.00	
Telephones,	53.91	
Painting and Repairing		
Hearse,	82.00	
All other,	65.25	\$878.65

Auditing and Accounting Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Auditors,	40.00	
Book-keeper,	600.00	
Stationery and Postage,	8.12	
Printing,	9.00	657.12

Treasury Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Treasurer,	400.00
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Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage,	74.76	
Telephone,	17.05	
Surety Bond,	125.00	
All other,	2.61	619.42

Collector's Department

Salaries and Wages:

Collector,	450.00
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Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage,	29.25	
Printing and		
Advertising,	41.71	
Surety Bond,	132.75	653.71

Assessors' Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Assessors, 900.00

Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage, 47.36

Printing and

Advertising, 101.50

All other, 9.20 1,058.06

Law Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Town Counsel, 1914, 225.00

Other Expenses:

Ellis Title & Conveying

Co., 30.00

T. W. Kenifick,

Norton Case, 29.20

Other Legal Services, 50.00

Settlement of Damages:

Purlin M. Shearer, 243.60 577.80

License Commission:

Expenses:

Printing and

Advertising, 24.25

Carfares, Teams, etc., 5.00

Special Legal Services, 10.00 39.25

Other Finance Offices and Accounts:

Certifying Notes, 8.00

Town Clerk's Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Town Clerk, 150.00

Recording Fees, 221.10

Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage 22.68

Printing, 2.25

Bond, 4.00 400.03

Election and Registration:

Salaries and Wages:

Registrars,	60.00
Precinct Officers,	176.00
Primary Officers,	24.00

Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage,	.10	
Printing and		
Advertising,	133.51	
Meals,	1.65	
Carfares, etc.,	4.70	
Rent,	40.00	
All other,	66.49	506.45

Town Officers:

Rent,	240.00	
Furniture and		
Fixtures,	98.37	
Light,	9.22	
Moving Furniture, etc.,	51.00	
Carpenter Work,	55.52	454.11

Town Hall:

Janitor,	5.00	
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Other Expenses:

Repairs,	84.33	89.33
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Total for General Government, \$5,941.93

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.**Police Department:**

Salaries and Wages:

Night Police,	1,776.50
Special Services,	311.00
Wire Mill Strike,	370.00
Janitor of Lockup,	115.50

Equipment and Repairs:

Equipment,	1.52
Repairs,	6.90

Fuel and Light:		
Light,	58.07	
Rent,	500.00	
All other,	16.06	3,155.55
Prosecuting Illegal Sales of Liquor:		
Police Services,		4.50
Support of District Court:		
Fees,		908.13
Fire Department:		
Care of Auto Truck:		
Repairs, 1914,	352.65	
Equipment and		
Repairs, 1915	190.64	
Gasoline, etc.,	18.35	
Insurance,	62.47	
All other,	5.00	629.11
Sealing Weights and Measures:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Sealer,	200.00	
Other Expenses:		
Printing, etc.,	11.27	
Carfares, teams, etc.,	25.00	
Equipment and		
Repairs,	38.06	
All other,	1.20	275.53
Extermination of Moths and Beetles:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Superintendent,	38.00	
Labor,	110.25	
Printing,	4.50	
Insecticides,	45.56	
Carfares, teams, etc.,	53.00	
Equipment and		
Repairs,	30.53	
All other,	8.00	289.84

Tree Warden's Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Warden,	95.80
Labor,	96.65

Other Expenses:

Teams,	22.35	
Tools, etc.,	14.09	228.89

Forest Warden's Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Warden,	99.20	
Labor, Forest Fires,	498.75	
Apparatus,	74.50	
Teams and Auto Hire,	91.50	
Meals,	13.50	
Equipment,	46.63	
Telephone,	22.00	
All other,	42.06	888.14

Other Protection of Persons and Property

Salaries and Wages:

Labor, Thorndike

Barn,	28.00
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Labor, Knox Barn,	18.00
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Labor, Holbrook Fire,	49.00	95.00
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Total for Protection of Persons

and Property,

\$6474.69

HEALTH AND SANITATION.**HEALTH.****General Administration:**

Salaries Board of

Health,	150.00
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Salary Clerk,	25.00
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Printing, stationery,	
etc.,	25.49

Telephone,	7.46
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All other,	36.50	244.45
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Quarantine and Contagious Diseases:

Board and Treatment,	236.29	
Medical Attendance,	6.50	
Groceries and Pro-		
visions,	4.00	
Cultures,	65.00	
All other,	4.50	316.29

Vital Statistics:

Births,	79.25	
Deaths,	15.25	94.50

Other Expenses:

Fumigation and Disin-		
fectants,	56.02	
All other,	3.00	59.02

Inspection:

Salaries and Wages,		
Animals,	185.57	
Salaries and Wages,		
Meats and Pro-		
visions,	226.75	
Salaries and Wages,		
Milk and Vinegar,	80.00	
Exp. Milk and Vinegar		
Inspection,	40.00	
Slaughter Houses,	28.50	560.82

SANITATION**Sewers and Culverts:**

Labor,	525.80	
Teams,	195.47	
Equipment,	66.08	
Pipe and Fittings,	96.64	
Brick and Cement,	56.23	
Castings,	62.50	
Metal Culverts,	39.30	
All other,	7.44	1,049.46

Public Dump:

Labor,	12.95
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Total for Health and
Sanitation,

2,337.49

HIGHWAYS.

General Administration:

Surveyor's Salary,	998.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage,	.50	
Telephone,	31.93	1,030.43

Highway Repairs:

Labor,	2,947.85	
Teams,	3,028.80	
Broken Stone, etc.,	166.50	
Equipment & Repairs,	59.05	
All other,	60.03	6,262.23

Bridge Repairs:

Labor,	169.64	
Teams,	25.50	
Lumber,	540.36	
Hardware and Tools,	21.70	
All other,	50.62	807.82

Removal of Snow and Ice:

Labor,	106.46	
Teams,	179.50	285.96

Railings:

Labor,	71.63	
Materials,	90.93	162.56

Street Sprinkling:

Teams,	768.25	
Water,	300.00	
Oil Experiment,	50.00	
Repairs,	11.50	1,129.75

Curbing and Walk, Thorndike St.:

Labor,	123.02	
Curbing,	335.90	
Survey and Plan,	20.00	478.92

Curbing and Walk, Church, Pleasant and School Sts.:

Labor,	35.68	
Teams,	15.00	
Curbing,	146.66	
Survey and Plan,	14.00	211.34

Curbing and Walk, Highland St.:

Labor,	76.04	
Curbing,	160.25	
Tar Walk,	84.46	
Plan and Grade,	10.00	
Cement,	14.00	344.75

Highway Construction:

Contractors for over-		
haul,	126.70	
Damages to Sprayer,	15.00	141.70

Resurfacing Thorndike Street:

Contractors,	7,617.58	
Oil,	290.00	
All other,	3.00	7,910.58

Permanent Highway Repairs:

Labor,	343.08	
Teams,	279.50	
Trap Rock,	73.43	
Oil,	211.09	
Freight,	39.15	
Equipment and Repairs,	1.75	
State Highway Re-		
pairs,	2,853.44	3,801.44

Resurfacing North Main Street:

Labor,	166.43	
Teams,	231.00	
Trap Rock,	117.21	
Oil,	276.63	
Equipment,	17.25	
Fuel,	31.21	
All other,	13.72	853.45

Resurfacing Main St., Bondsville:

Labor,	329.22	
Teams,	327.31	
Trap Rock,	223.29	
Oil,	41.10	
Equipment,	8.39	
All other,	24.71	954.02

Sidewalks, Repairs of:

Ash Walks:

Labor,	80.21	
Teams,	142.05	222.26

Concrete Walks:

Contractor,	1,025.17	
Labor,	3.00	1,028.17

Sidewalks, New Concrete:

Labor and Materials, 463.46

Street Lighting:

Lights, 7,444.87

Total for Highways, 33,533.71

CHARITIES.**SUPPORT OF POOR****General Administration:**

Salaries of Overseers,	430.00	
Salary of Clerk,	175.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage,	28.41	
All other,	86.84	720.25

Town Farm:

Salary of Warden,	724.92	
Labor,	23.00	
Groceries and Pro- visions,	1,087.18	
Dry Goods and Cloth- ing,	160.89	
Medicine and Medical Attendance,	81.90	
Repairs of Building,	23.99	
Fuel and Light,	264.78	
Hay, Grain & Straw,	733.26	
Equipment & Repairs,	439.53	
Seeds, Fertilizer, etc.,	142.95	
All other,	411.57	4,093.97

Outside Relief:

Cash,	157.00	
Rent,	521.24	
Groceries and Pro-		
visions,	2,421.06	
Coal and Wood,	113.84	
Board and Care,	276.00	
Medicine and Medical		
Attendance,	161.13	
Burials,	97.00	
Institutions,	227.76	
All other,	12.50	3,987.53

Relief By Other Cities and Towns:

Cities,	1,084.83	
Towns,	293.73	1,378.56

Other Expenses: 6.50

WING HOSPITAL.

Board and Treatment,	522.68
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SOLDIERS' BENEFITS.

State Aid,	686.00
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Soldiers' Relief:

Groceries and Pro-		
visions,	130.67	
Medical Attendance,	2.00	818.67
Total for Charities,		11,523.16

EDUCATION.**General Expenses:**

Salaries:	
Superintendent,	2,050.02
Truant Officers,	92.00
Clerk,	516.15

Other Expenses

School Census,	65.00
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Printing, Stationery and Postage,	155.18		
Telephone,	56.66		
Traveling Expenses,	25.00		
Freight and Cartage,	174.46		
All other,	29.27	3,163.74	
Teachers' Salaries:			
High,	5,209.00		
Elementary,	20,369.68		
Retirement,	500.50	26,079.18	
Text Books and Supplies:			
High:			
Text and Reference Books,	401.84		
All other Supplies,	206.38		
Elementary:			
Text and Reference Books,	1,105.93		
All Other Supplies,	152.22	1,866.37	
Tuition,			79.00
Transportation:			
High,	1,034.25		
Elementary,	1,601.15	2,635.40	
Janitor Service:			
High,	550.00		
Elementary,	2,076.25	2,626.25	
Fuel and Light:			
High,	1,276.40		
Elementary,	2,409.82	3,686.22	
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:			
High:			
Janitor Supplies,	90.03		
Water,	37.52		
All other,	8.70		
Elementary:			
Janitor Supplies,	274.66		
Water,	255.74		
All other,	343.34	1,009.99	

Furniture and Furnishings:

High:

Desks, Chairs, etc., 302.97

All other, 39.94

Elementary:

Desk, Chairs, etc., 542.47 885.38

Rent, 22.50

Other Expenses:

Diplomas and Gradua-

tion, 86.25

Insurance, 563.95

Miscellaneous Print-

ing, 253.13

All other, 35.04 938.37

Medical Inspection, 201.00

Music, Manual Training and Drawing:

Salaries:

Music Instructor, 550.00

Manual Training and

Drawing Instruc-

tor, 820.00

Text Books and Supplies:

Music & Music Books, 138.27

Drawing Materials, 117.52

Manual Training Sup-

plies, 232.04

Carriage hire, 22.50

All other, 5.70 1,886.03

Commercial Course:

Salaries 2,360.00

Text and Reference

Books, 257.19

Miscellaneous Sup-

plies, 123.30 2,740.49

Repairs, School Building:

High:

Carpentry and Paint-

ing, 53.89

Plumbing,	134.82	
Lumber, Brick, etc.,	.83	
Electrical Work,	110.25	
Elementary:		
Carpentry & Painting,	176.74	
Plumbing,	197.05	
Lumber, Brick, etc.,	27.30	
Electrical Work,	38.05	
All other,	21.34	760.27
Total for Education,		48,580.19

LIBRARY.

Memorial Young Men's Library Association,	2,500.00	2,500.00
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UNCLASSIFIED.

Memorial Day,	100.00	
Care of Clock,	75.00	
Printing & Distributing Annual Reports,	274.05	
Workmen's Liability Insurance,	143.63	592.68
Total for Unclassified,		592.68

CEMETERIES.

Care and Maintenance:

Salary of Secretary,	150.00
Printing, Stationery, etc.,	18.66
Labor,	1,143.80
Teams,	89.60
Loam,	2.20

Equipment & Repairs,	49.28	
Fertilizer & Supplies,	61.86	
All other,	70.95	
Improvements:		
Shrubs, etc.,	65.75	
Total for Cemeteries,		1,652.10

INTEREST.

Temporary Loans:		
Anticipation of Taxes,	543.02	
General Loans:		
Refunding Loan,	280.00	
Grammar School		
Bonds,	336.00	
High School Bonds,	520.00	
Highway Construction		
Bonds,	1,600.00	
Three Rivers School		
Loan,	318.75	
Funding Loan,	637.50	
Total for interest,		4,235.27

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Temporary Loans:		
Anticipation of		
Taxes,	50,000.00	
General Loans:		
Refunding Loan,	2,000.00	
Three River School		
Bonds,	3,000.00	
Grammar School		
Bonds,	1,600.00	
High School Bonds,	1,000.00	

Highway Construction		
Bonds,	5,000.00	
Refunding Bridge		
Loan,	3,000.00	
Total for Municipal		
Indebtedness,	65,600.00	65,600.00

AGENCY AND TRUST.

Agency:

Taxes:

State Tax,	13,260.00
Non-Resident Bank,	1,046.52
County,	5,239.34

Liquor Licenses:

For State,	2,701.76
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Trust:

H. G. Loomis Fund,	500.00
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Total for Agency and
Trust,

22,747.62

Cash on Hand Dec. 31st, 1915,

7,771.00

\$213,494.84

J. E. TOOLE,
Bookkeeper.

Trial Balance

J. A. Hawkes, Collector, 1912,	\$ 10.07	
J. A. Hawkes, Collector, 1913,	1,050.83	
J. A. Hawkes, Collector, 1914,	6,283.89	
J. A. Hawkes, Collector, 1915,	11,064.26	
Mrs. Ellen Taylor,	30.10	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,		\$ 378.21
City of Springfield,	83.30	
City of Worcester,	2.55	
City of Taunton,	1.00	
Town of Warren,	161.60	
Town of Ware,	10.00	
Town of Winchendon,	10.00	
Board of Bridget McGowan,	39.00	
Cemetery Dept. Bills, 1912 and Prior,	26.16	
Overlay, 1912,		10.07
Overlay, 1913,		1,385.19
Overlay, 1914,		1,988.47
Overlay, 1915,		2,288.74
Revenue,	339.24	
Excess and Deficiency Fund,		11,452.86
Selectmen's Other Expenses,		21.35
Auditing and Accounting, Other Expenses,		7.88
Treasurer's Other Expenses,	27.42	
Collector's Salary	320.00	
Collector's Other Expenses,	3.71	
Assessors' Other Expenses,	58.06	
License Commission Other Expenses,	24.25	
Town Clerk's Other Expenses,	.03	
Law Department,		82.20
Town Offices,		261.63

Election and Registration,	19.45	
Care of Town Hall,		4.65
Night Police,		.16
Reimbursement of Police Officers,		100.00
Suppression Illegal Sale of Liquor,		195.50
Care and Rent of Lockup,		11.01
Support of District Court,	108.13	
Insurance and Maintenance Auto Truck,		45.89
Tree Warden's Salary,		17.20
Planting and Preservation of Shade Trees,		53.91
Superintendent of Moth Department,		62.00
Extermination Elm Tree Beetle,		148.16
Forest Warden's Salary,		.80
Forest Fires,		262.06
Sealer's Other Expenses,		24.47
Board of Health,		526.74
Milk and Vinegar Inspector,	50.00	
Sewers and Culverts,		150.54
Meat and Cattle Inspection,	12.32	
Surveyor's Salary,		2.00
General Highway Repairs,	500.44	
Permanent Highway Repairs,		1,552.00
Resurfacing Thorndike Street,	407.58	
Resurfacing No. Main Street,		146.55
Resurfacing Main St., Bondsville,		45.98
Bridge Repairs,		392.18
Highway Construction,		2,026.71
Street Sprinkling,	119.75	
New Tar Walks,		36.54
Repairs Tar Walks,	28.17	
New Ash Walks,		277.74
Curbing Thorndike Street,	287.05	
Curbing Highland Street,	94.75	
Curbing Church and Pleasant Streets,		3.66
Street Lights,		22.13
Railings,		87.44

Surveyor's Other Expenses,	32.43	
Support of Poor,		418.19
Support of Poor, Contingent,		500.00
State Aid,	686.00	
Soldiers and Sailors Aid,		167.33
Wing Memorial Hospital Fund,		477.32
Education,		875.07
Selectmen's Contingent Account,	28.94	
Workmen's Compensation Insurance,		56.37
Reserve Fund,		2,630.25
Reserve Fund on Account of Abatements,		375.70
Cemetery Care and Improvement, .	52.10	
Interest on Temporary Loans,		106.98
Interest on Maturing Debt,		63.75
Net Bonded Debt,	79,000.00	
Highway Construction,		35,000.00
Highway School Loan,		12,000.00
Grammar School Loan,		8,000.00
Three Rivers School,		6,000.00
Refunding Bridge,		12,000.00
Refunding Loan,		6,000.00
Trust Funds,	13,120.09	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,		10,635.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Income Account,		683.81
Merrick Fund,		850.00
Thompson Fund,		951.28
Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1915,	7,771.00	
	<u>\$121,863.67</u>	<u>\$121,863.67</u>

Palmer, Mass., January 1, 1916.

Assessors' Report

The Board of Assessors respectfully report as follows:

Appropriations,		\$110,563.87
Maturing Town Bonds,		13,410.04
Interest,		4,406.00
County Tax,		5,239.34
State Highway Tax,		2,853.44
State Tax,		13,260.00
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Less,		149,732.69
Estimated Receipts,	\$20,370.12	
Liquor License Fees,	8,104.50	
Cash Balance,	20,771.52	49,246.14
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		100,486.55
Overlay,		2,288.74
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Amount of Levy,		102,775.29
Non-Resident Bank Tax,		1,054.88
Street Sprinkling Tax,		1,256.50
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Amount of Warrant of July 28, 1915,		105,086.67
Poll taxes assessed October 23rd,		12.00
Springfield Street Railway Excise Tax,		3,698.03
Amount of Assessment December 18th		
(Omitted Assessment),		349.80
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Total amount to be collected,		\$109,146.50

VALUATION FOR 1915.

Personal Property,	\$1,706,979.00	
Resident Bank Stock,	62,040.00	1,769,019.00
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Buildings,	2,628,740.00	
Land,	952,671.00	3,581,411.00
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		5,350,430.00
Value of Personal Property added December 18th,		19,220.00
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Total Valuation, 1915,		5,369,650.00

TABLE OF AGGREGATE.

Number of residents assessed on property, Individuals,	760
Number of residents assessed on property, all others,	357
Number of non-residents assessed on property, Indi- viduals,	151
Number of non-residents assessed on property, all others,	60
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Total number assessed on property,	1,328
Total number assessed for Poll only,	2,139
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Total number of names April assessment,	3,467
Added December assessment, for Poll only,	6
Added December assessment on property,	12
For Excise Tax,	1
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	3,486
Number of horses assessed,	396
Number of cows assessed,	439
Number of neat stock assessed,	108
Number of swine assessed,	62
Number of fowl assessed,	2,870
Number of dwelling houses assessed,	1,223
Number of acres of land,	18,339
Tax rate per \$1,000.00,	\$18.20

ROY E. CUMMINGS,
JOHN O. HAMILTON,
CHARLES E. FULLER,
Assessors.

Report of the Board of Health

The Board of Health submit to the voters of Palmer the following report:

The number of contagious diseases reported to the Board from Jan. 1, 1915 to Jan. 1, 1916, are eighty-seven.

TABLE NO. 1.

Contagious and infectious diseases:

Diphtheria,	6	1	1					2	2	5	4	21
Tracome,				1								1
Measles,					1	7	7	4	1			20

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Tuberculosis,					1	1	5		1	1	1	2	12
Chicken Pox,						5							5
Typhoid Fever,								1		1	2		4
Whooping Cough,								2	4				6
Scarlet Fever,	1	1	4		2			1				6	15
Ophthalmia Neorealorum,			1						1			1	3
	7	2	6	1	4	13	12	8	9	4	8	13	87

TABLE NO. 2.

Number of deaths reported from Jan. 1, 1915 to Jan. 1, 1916.

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
10	11	15	9	11	11	10	10	13	7	12	13	132

TABLE NO. 3.

Ages at death of persons dying from Jan. 1, 1915 to Jan. 1, 1916.

Ages	Totals	Males	Females
Less than 1 year,	41	27	14
1 to 2 years,	6	3	3
2 to 3 years,	1	—	1
3 to 4 years,	2	—	2
4 to 5 years,	1	1	—
5 to 10 years,	3	1	2
10 to 15 years,	1	—	1
15 to 20 years,	1	1	—
20 to 30 years,	10	6	4
30 to 40 years,	5	3	2
40 to 50 years,	11	7	4
50 to 60 years,	14	7	7
60 to 70 years,	12	4	8
70 to 80 years,	11	3	8
80 to 90 years,	7	3	4
Still births,	6	4	2
Totals,	132	70	62

The Board recommend an appropriation of one thousand dollars for its use in addition to salaries.

J. P. SCHNEIDER,
SAMUEL O. MILLER,
WILLARD C. HITCHCOCK.

BACTERIOLOGIST'S REPORT.

January 13, 1916.

Board of Health, Palmer, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

I hand you herewith the report of the bacteriological work done during the past year to determine the presence of diphtheria germs in cases of suspected diphtheria.

The work has been carried on the same as the past few years, and while there have not been as large a number of cases examined, it is interesting to note that practically one-half of the cases showed no diphtheria. The value of this test for diagnosis is so thoroughly established that it needs no comment here and your physicians seem to take all the advantages possible of the service which you provide.

Totals,	DIAGNOSIS		RELEASE		30	100
	13	14	0	3		
Months	Positive	Negative	Positive	Negative	Total Cases	Total Cultures
January,	6	1	0	0	7	29
February,	1	0	0	0	1	7
March,	0	2	0	0	2	9
April,	0	3	0	0	3	4
June,	0	1	0	0	1	1
September,	1	2	0	0	3	10
October,	1	1	0	1	3	8
November,	2	1	0	0	3	14
December,	2	3	0	2	7	18
				30		
Total cases examined,				30		
Total cultures examined,				100		

Respectfully submitted,
 HERBERT EMERSON, M. D.
 Bacteriologist.

REPORT OF MEAT INSPECTOR.

1915	Beef	Cond.	Veal	Cond.	Hogs	Cond.
January,	16	1	4	0	31	0
February,	4	0	5	0	2	0
March,	7	1	25	0	14	0
April,	5	1	16	0	4	0
May	1	0	12	1	14	0
June,	7	0	14	0	3	0
July,	4	0	15	0	5	0
August,	3	0	3	0	0	0
September,	12	0	9	0	1	0
October,	15	1	3	0	13	0
November,	21	0	9	1	34	0
December,	18	0	8	0	50	0
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CHARLES H. KEITH,
Inspector.

REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR.

For Year Ending Dec. 31, 1915.

To the Board of Health, Palmer:

Number of Milk Licenses issued, 66 at 50 cents, \$33.00

Number of Oleomargarine licenses issued, 3 at 50 cents, 1.50

\$34.50

Number of Producers' permits issued (no fee), 70

Cash to Town Treasurer, \$34.50

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. DAVITT,
Milk Inspector.

Highway Surveyor's Report

Palmer, Mass., January 1, 1916.

To the Voters of the Town of Palmer.

This is the first time in my experience as Highway Surveyor that I have exceeded the appropriation for care of the highways. It was caused by the very heavy rain late in the Fall, necessitating going over nearly all the hill roads of the Town a second time. At the present time much more money has to be spent on our hill roads, on account of the Rural Mail routes and the transportation of the scholars to the schools. The largest amount of graveling the past year was in the vicinity of Forest Lake. Main Street, Bondsville, near the Boston Duck Company's mill has been rebuilt, a part of it with a heavy stone foundation. Main Street, Palmer, from the brick paving to the Point of Rocks has been rebuilt. The sewers of the Town have had several manholes and catch basins installed to better care for surface water. The sewers in Three Rivers have had to be flushed twice, also at the Depot Village. Three of the bridges of the Town, Burleigh, Mansfield and Bondsville, have had new floors installed; two of the bridges in Thorndike have had the sidewalks replanked.

INVENTORY OF TOOLS.

One four-horse road scraper.
 One two-horse road scraper.
 Six road drags.
 Two ploughs.
 Twenty-four shovels.
 Six picks.
 Eight lanterns.
 Six rakes.
 Four hundred feet wire cable.
 Three hundred feet rope.
 Four hundred feet couplings and rods.
 Two sewer hoes.
 One tar kettle.
 Two sand heater pipes.

I would recommend the following appropriations:

Care of Highways,	✓	\$6,000.00
Care of Improved Highways,	✓	2,500.00
Care of Bridges,	1075 ✓	1,000.00
Care of Sewers and Culverts,		1,200.00
Repair of Tar Walks,		1,000.00
Repair of Ash Walks,		500.00
Railings,	✓	300.00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES T. BRAINERD,

Highway Surveyor.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

The Board of Cemetery Commissioners hereby submit their annual report. The large amount of work which came late in the season, in the opening of graves and the building of foundations, exhausted the balance left for emergencies and created a small deficit. The amount of the receipts is far in excess of the preceeding year and had all bills been paid the department would have shown a substantial dividend.

A commendable addition has been made to the perpetual care fund, which shows an increasing interest in the future of our cemeteries.

Our people have not yet become accustomed to the early closing of the books, so there are many bills in the unpaid list.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, 1915,		\$1,600.00
Amount taken from Cemetery Commis-		
sioners Int. Fund,		40.82
Sale of lots Oak Knoll,	\$255.00	
Sale of lots Four Corners,	49.00	
Care of lots,	644.00	
Grading lots,	62.30	
Opening of Graves,	267.00	
Foundations,	334.35	
All others,	3.30	1,614.95
Overdraft,		52.10

BILLS RECEIVABLE.

William Mason, 1912, single grave,	\$1.00	
Mrs. G. A. Smith, 1914, balance lot,	15.00	
Clarence A. Rogers, 1914, lot,	8.00	
Mrs. A. A. Kenyon, lot,	20.00	
J. L. Monette, lot,	8.00	52.00
W. E. Lawler, 1914, foundation,	6.00	
Phillips Bros., foundation,	4.37	
Mrs. L. F. Page, 1914, grading,	1.00	11.37
William Mason, 1912, opening grave,	3.00	
Est. Mrs. C. V. Weeks, 1914,	3.00	
*W. E. Sedgewick, 1914,	3.00	
C. M. Wing,	8.00	
Est. Mrs. E. J. Fuller,	4.00	
Est. S. G. Kenyon,	3.00	24.00
F. G. Webber, care,	2.00	
*Miss Anna Murdoch	2.00	
G. E. Buck,	2.00	
C. A. Smith, 1913,	1.00	
J. J. Helliwell,	1.50	
Mrs. M. A. Holden,	3.00	
*Henry S. Howe,	2.00	
*Abbie J. Lawton,	2.00	
Hattie M. Blanchard,	2.00	
Grace C. Strong,	4.00	
*Dr. A. F. Warren,	2.00	
E. C. Buffington, 1913,	3.00	
Henry Graves,	2.00	
*Henry D. Converse,	2.50	
Philip C. Story,	3.00	
*Mrs. Ida L. Whitcomb,	1.00	
Mrs. Jenet L. Collis,	2.00	
*Mrs. Julia McKendrick,	3.00	
Jason Keith,	2.00	
Mrs. F. D. Holdsworth,	2.00	
*Mrs. F. Lizzie Eaton,	2.00	

A. B. Marsh,	1.00		
Mrs. W. E. Sedgewick,	2.00		
A. H. LaValle,	3.00		
H. F. Robinson,	2.00		
*Thomas Waterhouse, Jr.,	2.00	55.00	142.37
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			\$3,450.24

*Paid since the closing of the books.

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries,	\$150.00		
Printing and postage,	18.66		
Supplies,	60.81		
Labor,	1,139.74		
Teams,	94.14		
Equipment and repairs,	49.45		
Fertilizer,	18.00		
All others,	162.12	1,692.92	
Paid George E. Clough,		1,614.95	3,307.87

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.

Toolhouse, Oak Knoll,	\$75.00	
Toolhouse, Four Corners,	50.00	
Tools,	50.00	175.00
Unsold Lots at market price:		
Four Corners—		
160 at \$8.00,	1,280.00	
Oak Knoll—		
5 at 50.00,	250.00	
13 at 35.00	455.00	
1 at 25.00	25.00	
53 at 24.00,	1,272.00	
50 at 20.00,	1,000.00	
4 at 12.00,	48.00	

4 at 8.00,	32.00
90 single, 1.00,	90.00
1 tract not laid out, estimated	
to contain 75 lots at 24.00, 1,800.00	\$6,252.00 \$6,427.00

PERPETUAL CARE FUND.

	Amount	Present Condition
Louise Waid,	\$200.00	\$233.83
John A. Squier,	100.00	105.32
Waterman Fuller,	200.00	228.28
John and Lucy Smith,	200.00	208.25
John H. Haynes,	200.00	218.83
W. A. Breckenridge,	200.00	204.83
Laura E. Child,	500.00	517.17
Henry Scism,	100.00	104.32
Jane A. Gibson,	100.00	106.61
Calesta E. Hendricks,	100.00	105.69
Keyes Foster,	100.00	103.39
James W. Snow,	100.00	104.11
A. W. Green,	200.00	206.25
Pliney Cooley,	50.00	51.29
H. G. Loomis,	200.00	221.86
Maria Lawrence,	500.00	526.75
William Holbrook,	200.00	201.78
Torrey Fund,	100.00	104.90
E. B. Gates,	50.00	51.99
Franklin Blanchard,	100.00	103.32
Minnie K. Bennett,	200.00	206.78
Mary A. Shaw,	100.00	102.32
Amos A. Allen,	100.00	103.97
Harriet Cooledge,	200.00	219.96
Mrs. L. W. Brown,	200.00	227.02
Eliza J. Kenerson,	200.00	208.05
William Merriam,	200.00	217.63
Mary Redding,	50.00	51.00

D. S. Davis,	200.00	204.89
A. M. Andrews,	200.00	209.00
Marshall Andrews,	200.00	215.00
Enos Calkins,	100.00	104.00
S. C. Rogers,	200.00	210.00
Willard G. Kenerson,	100.00	103.00
Maria B. Chapman,	200.00	210.00
M. B. Chapman (Barker),	100.00	102.00
Julia H. Henry,	100.00	103.00
Isaaca King,	150.00	155.00
Abel H. Calkins,	100.00	103.00
E. C. Sexton,	100.00	103.00
H. A. Moore,	100.00	103.00
J. S. Koster,	100.00	103.00
Melissa Hall,	150.00	156.00
Jeremiah Long,	1,000.00	1,020.00
M. J. Plympton,	100.00	102.00
Clymena P. Fuller,	150.00	154.00
Abigail T. Nichols,	50.00	51.00
Mary Hastings,	100.00	103.00
O. B. Smith,	200.00	203.00
O. B. Smith (T. B. Smith),	100.00	103.00
Laura P. Green,	100.00	103.00
J. H. Kenerson,	100.00	102.00
William Harvey,	150.00	154.00
Alden L. Fletcher,	60.00	62.40
Carrie A. Kurtz,	100.00	104.00
Ralph Green,	200.00	216.00
Minerva R. Olds,	100.00	102.00
Meriva L. Capen,	100.00	103.00
Otis C. Lyon,	100.00	102.00
Hitchcock-Graves,	100.00	102.00
Minerva M. Gates,	200.00	205.00
Rogers-Paine,	100.00	102.00
Elizabeth D. Moore,	100.00	103.00
Mary E. Bailey,	100.00	106.00
M. M. Rogers,	100.00	102.00

Nellie S. Hooker,	75.00	78.75
Ethan Warriner,	100.00	100.00
Lizzie E. Fletcher,	100.00	102.00
Andrew Pinney,	100.00	125.19
Frank F. Marcy,	500.00	510.00
Thomas McDougall,	100.00	102.00
Sarah J. Winter,	200.00	208.00
Charles B. Fiske,	200.00	204.00
Minnie B. Converse,	500.00	510.00
Amelia M. Culver,	100.00	102.00
Omer W. Marcy,	100.00	101.00
Frank M. Eager,	250.00	255.00
Maria Ritchie,	100.00	101.00
Charles H. Burleigh,	100.00	100.00
Julia A. Burleigh,	100.00	100.00
C. H. and J. A. Burleigh,	25.00	25.50
Emily M. Holdsworth,	100.00	101.00
Sarah D. Smith,	100.00	100.00
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	\$13,110.00	\$13,659.23
Gain in P. C. Fund,		\$525.00
Cemetery Commissioners Interest Fund,		
total Jan. 1. 1915,	742.59	
Added:		
Interest P. C. Fund,	511.90	
Interest C. C. I. Fund,	24.52	1,279.01
Withdrawn:		
P. C. Fund,	485.00	525.82
C. C. I. Fund,	40.82	
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Present condition,		753.19

DAVID L. BODFISH,
LEWIS R. HOLDEN,
SAMUEL M. PHILLIPS.
Cemetery Commissioners.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor

In addition to the receipts for board and the sale of produce at the Town Farm, as paid to the Town Treasurer and in Town Bookkeeper's Report, the sum of \$89.49 has been received and paid out by the Warden for incidental expenses.

The following tables will give a detailed account of the receipts and expenditures at the farm:

RECEIPTS.

For sale of

Butter,	\$262.70	
Pork,	57.12	
Pigs,	32.00	
Haying,	15.00	
Strawberries,	27.44	
Two Cows,	150.00	
Calves,	30.00	
Potatoes,	49.70	
Cabbage,	7.30	
Eggs,	94.04	
Board of Wilton Taft,	180.00	\$905.30

EXPENDITURES.

Paid

Geo. E. Clough, Treasurer,	\$815.81	
Labor in house,	15.50	
Soap and Disinfectants,	20.00	
Barber and carfares,	6.35	
Two brood hogs and express charges,	33.75	
Meats, fish and other provisions,	13.89	
	<hr/>	\$905.30

We would recommend the following appropriations:

Support of Poor,	\$10,000.00
Contingent,	1,500.00
Salaries,	310.00

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F. J. HAMILTON,
PATRICK FITZGERALD,
DR. C. H. GIROUX,
Overseers of Poor.

Report of the Tax Collector

Account of 1912.

Outstanding,	\$7.72
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Account of 1913.

Outstanding,	\$573.44
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Account of 1914.

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1914,	\$7,395.63	
Paid Treasurer in 1915,	1,091.58	
	<hr/>	\$6,304.05

Account of 1915.

Amount to be collected,	\$105,086.67	
Additions,	4,059.83	
Interest,	128.75	
Total,	<hr/>	\$109,275.25
Abatements,	\$109.97	
Paid Treasurer,	94,022.41	
	<hr/>	\$94,132.38
Out standing Dec. 31, 1915,		<hr/> \$15,142.87

Of the \$15,142.87 outstanding Dec. 31, 1915, I have collected \$8,500 to date.

J. A. HAWKES,
Tax Collector.

Report of the Auditors

January 24, 1916.

To the Selectmen of Palmer:

We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer for 1915 and find the following:

Balance Jan. 1, 1915,	\$29,634.72	
Receipts during the year,	183,860.12	
	<hr/>	\$213,494.84
Total Expenditures,		205,723.84
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Balance Dec. 31, 1915,		\$7,771.00

The accounts of the Tax Collector from last annual report to Dec. 31, 1915, are as follows:

	Account of 1912.	
Outstanding,		\$7.72
	Account of 1913.	
Outstanding,		\$573.44
	Account of 1914.	
Outstanding last report,	\$7,395.63	
Paid Treasurer,	1,091.58	
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Outstanding Dec. 31, 1915,	\$6,304.05	
	Account of 1915.	
Assessors' Warrant, to be collected,	\$105,086.67	
Assessors' Warrant, additional,	4,059.83	
Interest Collected,	128.75	
	<hr/>	\$109,275.25
Paid Treasurer,	\$94,022.41	
Abatements,	109.97	
	<hr/>	\$94,132.38
Outstanding,		<hr/>
		\$15,142.87

We find the standing of trust funds Dec. 31, 1915, to be as follows:

Perpetual care of Cemetery lots,	\$13,110.00
Income account on above,	484.31
Thompson Fund,	951.28
Merrick Fund,	850.00

CHARLES K. GAMWELL,
EVERETT W. CARPENTER,
Auditors.

Report of the License Commissioners

Palmer, Jan. 17, 1916.

To the voters of the Town of Palmer:

The Board of License Commissioners organized Feb. 11, 1915, electing Patrick H. Garvey chairman and J. Clifford Shaw clerk. It was voted to have the price of licenses the same as the previous year.

The number of applications received was as follows: sixteen 1st class, one 4th class, six 6th class, and five fourth class with the first class.

The Board met later and granted seven 1st class, one 4th class, six sixth class licenses, and five of the 4th class with the 1st class.

During the year the Board has granted eleven Common Victuallers' licenses and ten Sunday licenses: also seven Innholders' licenses.

PATRICK H. GARVEY,
WILLIAM BURDICK,
J. CLIFFORD SHAW,
Board of License Commissioners.

Report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures

For the Year ending December 31, 1915.

This department has tested, sealed corrected or condemned the following:

	Adjusted Sealed Condemned	
Platform scales weighing over 5,000 lbs.,	2	15
Platform scales weighing under 5,000 lbs.,	3	73
Counter scales,		100
Beam scales		1
Spring balance scales,		68
Computing scales,		28
Slot weighing scales,		6
Prescription scales,		4
Weights,	663	3
Apothecary weights,	46	5
Metric weights,	31	
Liquid measurers.	328	
Oil measuring pumps,	25	
Molasses measuring pumps,	16	
Glass Graguates,	2	
Ice Cream,	147	
Yard measurers,	13	
Special inspection of scales,	36	
Reweighing of Coal,	12	
Total,	5	1,607
Receipts of office,		\$112.29
Expenses of office,		25.00
Balance paid Town Treasurer,		\$87.29

J. A. HAWKES,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Young Men's Library Association

Report of the Librarian for the Year ending January 1, 1916.
To the Members of the Young Men's Library Association:

INTRODUCTION.

I herewith submit my fifth annual report as Librarian of your association. This report will be brief..

CIRCULATION.

The total circulation for the year has been 53,612. It was as follows: Main Library, 31,255; Three Rivers Branch, 13,677; Bondsville Branch, 5,177; Thorndike Branch, 2,524; School Libraries, 1,029. This circulation is an increase of 5,660 over the estimated circulation of last year, an increase in percentage of 12%. Our actual circulation for last year—which was a ten-months year, as you will recall—was 40,018. Had the year been one of twelve months, the circulation would have been 48,002. When you consider the remarkable increase in circulation that has taken place during the past four years, you will, without doubt, be surprised to know that the increase still continues. In spite of the fact that the existence of six separate extension centers must turn into a new course many of the former patrons of the main library, the circulation at the latter institution still exceeds what it formerly was when this was the only source from which books could be taken. This fact shows that new readers are being created yearly.

It is the firm opinion of the writer that, with ample means and the right kind of a publicity campaign, the present circulation could be nearly doubled. The first requisite, of course, would be plenty of money for financing such an attempt. The second necessity would be a sane, honest, and

extensive plan of advertising. Generous use of the newspapers and printed pamphlets would be made. The printing of the names of new book additions in list form, the insertion of attractively printed information about the books on hand in every book leaving the institution, and many schemes of a like nature calling the attention of the public to your wares would cause a large increase in your circulation.

Such modes of procedure call for large expenditures of time and money. At the present time, we have neither. Some day I trust that your institution will have both, and if that day ever arrives, your library will serve the people of this town as they have never been served before.

CHILDREN'S ROOM. Many changes have been effected in your institution within the past few years, every one of which has been brought about in the attempt to make the library a greater instrument of service to the public.

The stack room has been thrown open; the quantity and quality of reading material in book, magazine, and newspaper form has been augmented; extension centers have been opened in all the villages; the general policy of the library has been broadened.

These changes have been declared wise one by the increased use of the library. No better or surer judgment can be passed upon such changes than the circulation that follows them. Important as all these changes have been, there is one now fast on the road to completion which will eclipse any of them. The room recently occupied, and more recently vacated, by the Selectmen is now being transformed into a Children's Room. New and suitable furnishings are being installed, such as reading tables and chairs of graduated sizes, settles, book stacks to hold juvenile books, and like necessities. When finished, this room should be attractive. It should invite the attendance of our younger readers—and we have many of them. Time will cause proper judgment to be passed upon this action. We believe it to be a wise move and are willing to await the decision.

The children are not only present users of the library, but will continue to be users of it for years to come. The future of the institution is almost solely dependent upon them. If trained to use it properly and advantageously in youth, they will never desert it in their adult life. Wise and trained readers are fortunate individuals, for, if the material is accessible, they are never lonesome or restless. A good book is their best friend and companion, and they know and appreciate this fact. No better living company can be secured than that of a well-read individual, one whose storehouse of knowledge and information is full to overflowing. The time to begin the making of such a man is in his youth. The opening of a room for children is the beginning of our effort to further such an attempt.

In a month or two, a systematic
TRAINING IN USE scheme for instructing the older
OF LIBRARY. pupils in our schools in the right

use of the library is to be put into operation. Miss Pratt, a skilled instructor furnished us by the Free Public Library Commission of Massachusetts, will spend a week in our institution. She will teach all of the pupils in our high school and in grades eight and nine how to make the best use of a library. These pupils will be sent to her in groups of twelve to fifteen for such instruction. In all, she will handle some three hundred fifty pupils. Such instruction should be productive of much good.

An experiment in allowing cer-
CIRCULATION OF tain magazines to be taken from the
MAGAZINES. library while they are new is being

tried. Strong covers, known as binders, have been secured so that the magazine is almost as rugged as a bound book. If this innovation meets with public sanction—wide use—more magazines will be available for such circulation. We believe it will be so sanctioned.

Our magazine tables are occupied by some fifty of the best daily, weekly, and monthly publications turned off from

the American press. A better or more liberal assortment is a rarity in libraries of our size, or even larger.

The day has gone by when the
CONCLUSION. Librarian needs to argue for the usual appropriation of \$3,000 for the library. Its service to the public is known and properly valued; it is such as to be self-commendatory. The public willingly and even joyfully pays when it gets good value for its money.

The expenditure of time and effort upon the part of your Directors calls for some appreciation. They give freely and gladly of their time. To their happy mixture of conservatism and progressivism, which is responsible for their wise policy in conducting your institution so as to increase its efficiency so remarkably within recent years, you are indebted.

The possibilities of greater usefulness are yearly becoming more and more apparent. Each year the library serves a wider and wider reading public. New avenues of approach to the public open up annually. The very existence of the library creates a bigger and bigger need of it. This is true of everything of value in this life. This feeling is the sign of a true want supplied.

May our association be ever alive to the fullest possibilities of service

STATISTICS.

Circulation.

Main Library, Fiction,	27,673	
Non-fiction,	3,582	31,255
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Branch Libraries, Three Rivers,	13,677	
Thorndike,	2,524	
Bondsville,	5,177	21,378
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School Libraries,		1,029
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Total,		53,662
Last year,		*48,002
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Increase,		5,660
Books on hand January 1, 1915,		10,392
Purchased,		790
Donated,		12
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Books on hand January 1, 1916,		11,194
Number of papers and magazines supplied,	51	

*Actual circulation for 10 months, 40,018; estimated for 12 months, 48,002.

Respectfully submitted,
CLIFTON H. HOBSON, Librarian.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand December 31, 1914,	\$ 768.76	
Check returned,	1.32	
Town of Palmer,	2,500.00	
	<u> </u>	\$3,270.08

DISBURSEMENTS.

Miss Robinson, attendant,	\$600.00	
Miss Andrews, assistant,	150.00	
Miss Chandler, assistant,	50.00	
Miss Swann, assistant,	100.00	
Oliver Bearse, substitute,	9.50	
Janitor,	156.00	
Branch Library expenses,	288.00	
Fuel and Lights,	469.49	
Books and Magazines,	930.28	
Miscellaneous expenses,	28.17	
Fitting up Boys' room,	457.47	
	<u> </u>	\$3,238.91

Balance on hand December 31, 1915, \$31.17

LOUIS E. CHANDLER,

Treasurer.

Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

County of Hampden, ss. Town of Palmer.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Palmer, in said County, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Palmer, designated by the Selectmen, to wit: In Precinct A, at Holbrook's Hall in the Holbrook building on Main street in the Depot Village; in Precinct B, at Temperance Hall on Commercial street in Thorndike; in Precinct C, at Rugles' Hall on East Main Street in Three Rivers, and in Precinct D, at Boston Duck Company's Hall on Main Street in Bondsville, on Monday, the seventh day of February, A. D. 1916, at six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the precinct officers of the several voting precincts of said town, for the following town officers, to wit: Three Selectmen, a Town Treasurer, a Tax Collector, two Auditors, five Constables, three Fence Viewers, three License Commissioners, and a Highway Surveyor, all for the term of one year; one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, two members of the School Committee, one member of the Board of Health, and one Cemetery Commissioner, all for the term of three years; also to vote by ballot, which shall be "Yes" or "No", in answer to the question. "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The polls will be open at six o'clock in the forenoon, and will be closed at three-thirty o'clock in the afternoon.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Palmer, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House at Four Corners, in said Palmer, on Monday, the fourteenth day of Febraury, A. D. 1916, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose two or more Field Drivers, Measurers of Wood and Bark, and all other usual town officers.

Art. 3. To act on the reports of the town officers.

Art. 4. To raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the ensuing financial year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for current expenses of the town, but not exceeding in the aggregate the amount permitted by law, giving the notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the date thereof; all debts incurred under authority of this vote to be paid from the revenue of the said financial year.

Art. 6. To hear and act on the reports of committees.

Art. 7. To choose committees and give them instructions.

✓Art. 8. To determine the date from which taxes shall bear interest.

✓Art. 9. To determine the manner and state the terms and conditions of collecting the taxes for the ensuing year, and fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

✓Art. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

Art. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the Young Men's Library Association.

Art. 12. To see if the town will raise money to convey pupils to and from the public schools, and instruct the School Committee as to the manner of letting the contract for such conveyance.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise money for the celebration of Memorial Day.

✓ Art. 14. To see what action the town will take in relation to sewers. *1000 - Sewer - Culvert*

✓ Art. 15. To see what action the town will take in regard to lighting the streets, and whether it will authorize the Selectmen to make contract therefor, and raise and appropriate money for the same. *396 lights 19 - per light - 7524*

✓ Art. 16. To see what action the town will take in reference to the planting and preservation of shade trees. *+ 1000*

✓ Art. 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the care and improvement of cemeteries. *1700*

✓ Art. 18. To see what action the town will take in regard to sidewalks and curbing. *500 - new sidewalk*

✓ Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to maintain night police in the several village, authorize the Selectmen to employ and appoint in addition a chief of police and to make rules and regulations for the government of all the police officers of the town, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto. *2800*

✓ Art. 20. To see what action the town will take relative to suits and claims now pending against the town. *1600 night 1200 chief 2800*

✓ Art. 21. To see if the town will make provision for reimbursing the police officers for expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, and raise and appropriate money for the same. *100*

✓ Art. 22. To see if the town will appropriate money for the suppression of gypsy and brown-tail moths and elm tree beetles. *100 400 500*

✓ Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the repair and maintenance of the clock located in the Universalist Church tower, in the Depot Village, or take any action relative thereto. *75*

✓ Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300.00 for insurance and maintenance of the auto fire truck, for the coming year, or see what action it will take relative thereto. *300*

✓ Art. 25. To see if the town will appropriate money for defraying the town's share of the support of the District Court. \$00⁰⁰

✓ Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to install curbing and raise the sidewalks on the easterly and westerly sides of Pleasant Street in the Depot Village from Pearl to School Streets, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto. 519⁵⁸ *to be done in about 200.*

✓ Art. 27. To see if the town will appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary to defray the cost of providing furniture, fixtures and equipment for offices for the various officers of the town, or take any action relative thereto. 350⁰⁰

✓ Art. 28. To see if the town will appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary to defray the cost of the rent, janitor service and maintenance of the town offices in the Holbrook Building. 1035⁰⁰

✓ Art. 29. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for watering public streets and determine the extent to which, and the manner in which, the cost of watering said streets shall be assessed upon the abutting estates, or take any other action relative thereto. 1000⁰⁰

✓ Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 and pay the same to the Wing Memorial Hospital Association to be used by it for the charitable purposes of the association within the town of Palmer. 1750⁰⁰

✓ Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to construct an ash sidewalk on the northerly side of State Street in the Village of Bondsville, from the terminus of the present tar walk in front of the residence of Mrs. Joslyn to a point near the house of John Lesniak, and raise and appropriate money for the same. 52¹⁶

✓ Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to locate and maintain two additional electric lights on Main Street in the Depot Village between Central and Church Streets, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

change in location. later can if time

Shed
See any way + some floor when village street
 Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to provide additional shed room at the town storehouse on Pleasant Street in the Depot Village, and raise and appropriate money for the same. *+ 300.*

See any way + some floor when village street
 Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to locate and maintain two electric lights on Pleasant Street in the Village of Three Rivers, one at the corner of Pleasant and Oak Streets and the other midway between the residence of Albert Barber and Oak Street, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to extend the sewer in Pleasant Street in the Village of Three Rivers from its northerly terminus, near the residence of Albert Barber, to the intersection of Pleasant and Oak Streets, and raise and appropriate money for the same. *450*

See any way + some floor when village street
 Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to locate and maintain an electric light in Barker Street in the Village of Three Rivers at a point nearly east of the residence of C. W. Darling, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 37. To see what action the town will take relative to the purchasing of a motor truck for the use of the fire department and for use at forest fires, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400.00 for the same. *900*

Post-Board
 Art. 38. To see if the town will construct a sewer from the present terminus of the Wire Mill sewer, so-called, near the intersection of Shearer Street and the said Three Rivers Road to Orchard Street and westerly through Orchard Street, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to provide additional school accommodations for the Depot Village and the Village of Three Rivers, appoint a committee to consider the proposition, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Post-Board
 Art. 40. To see if the town will vote to revoke its acceptance of the provisions of Section 336 of Chapter 11 of the Revised Laws relative to the election of a highway surveyor.

Art. 41. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the support of agricultural demonstration work on land owned by it or by any resident of the town, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 707 of the Acts of 1914. *250⁰⁰ as an experiment*

Art. 42. To see if the town will accept and allow a new town way as laid out by the Selectmen as follows: Beginning at a stone bound in the easterly line of land of Anna E. Barton and on the southerly side and at the westerly terminus of Pine Street as formerly located by the Selectmen of Palmer, thence N. 69° W. along land of said Anna E. Barton and land of Jennie L. Taylor five hundred and twenty-five one-hundredths (500.25) feet to a stone bound on the westerly side and at the northerly terminus of Holbrook Street, the line described being the southwesterly side of said town way and the north-easterly line being parallel thereto and fifty feet distant therefrom. Said town way is laid out over land of Anna E. Barton and George E. Buck.

Art. 43. To see if the town will accept and allow a new town way as laid out by the Selectmen as follows: Beginning at a stone bound on the westerly side of King Street at the southeast corner of land of Clara Marcy, thence N. 53° 10' W. one hundred seventy-eight (178) feet to a stone bound at a corner of land of Anna E. Barton; thence N. 69° W. two hundred sixty-eight and nine-tenths (268.9) feet to a stone bound in line of land of T. A. & L. M. Norman, the line described being the northeasterly side of said town way and the southwesterly line being parallel thereto and thirty-three (33) feet distant therefrom. Said town way is laid out over land of the heirs of Peggy Knox and land of Anna E. Barton.

Art. 44. To see if the town will accept and allow a new town way as laid out by the Selectmen as follows: Beginning at a stone bound on the westerly side of the highway leading from the Depot Village of Palmer to the village of Three Rivers, at the southeasterly corner of land

*Accepted
& Allowed*

Accepted

owned by Fred C. Gamwell, thence N. $39^{\circ} 40'$ W. six hundred twenty-three and twenty one-hundredths (623.20) feet to a stone bound in line of land of the heirs of Andrew Holt, the line described being the northerly line of said town way and the southerly line being parallel thereto and forty (40) feet distant therefrom. Said town way is laid out over land of Henry T. Dobson.

✓ Art. 45. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary to change the grade of the sidewalk on the northwesterly side of Thorndike Street in the Depot Village from Main to Foster Streets, and install curbing, or take any action relative thereto.

✓ Art. 46. To see if the town will vote to locate and maintain an electric light on Squier Street near the house of John W. Millerick in the Depot Village, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

✓ Art. 47. To see if the town will vote to locate and maintain an electric light on Church Street in the Depot Village midway between Main and Pleasant Streets, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 48. To see if the town will vote to extend the sewer in State Street in the Village of Bondsville, from its easterly terminus near the residence of M. R. Sullivan easterly to a point opposite the residence of Patrick Cavin, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

✓ Art. 49. To see if the town will vote to construct a sidewalk, with curbing, in front of the residence of J. P. Lynde on the westerly side of North Main Street in the Depot Village, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

✓ Art. 50. To see if the town will vote to repair the ash walk on the highway leading from the Village of Three Rivers to the Village of Thorndike between St. Anne's Church and St. Mary's Church, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

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Babblers. Co. 100

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✓ Art. 51. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the purchase of a steam roller. 3200.

✓ Art. 52. To see if the town will vote to pay to Charles T. Brainerd the sum of \$175.00 being the amount expended by him in the construction of a sewer in Park Street in the Depot Village, or take any action relative thereto. *Passed*

✓ Art. 53. To see if the town will vote to locate and maintain three electric lights on Park Street in the Depot Village between Breckenridge and Pinney Streets, and raise and appropriate money for the same. *Change in location*

✓ Art. 54. To see if the town will vote to macadamize Commercial Street in the Village of Thorndike, from the end of the present macadam near Exchange Block to the intersection of said street with High Street, and raise and appropriate money for the same. *Change in location*
Later con. of the
Highway by St. Hwy
900 + 27 = 2800.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in some one public place in each of the four villages of the Town, known as the Depot Village, Thorndike, Three Rivers and Bondsville, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting, and by publishing an attested copy thereof in at least two issues of the Palmer Journal, a newspaper published in said Palmer, the first publication to be not less than seven days before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the holding of said meeting.

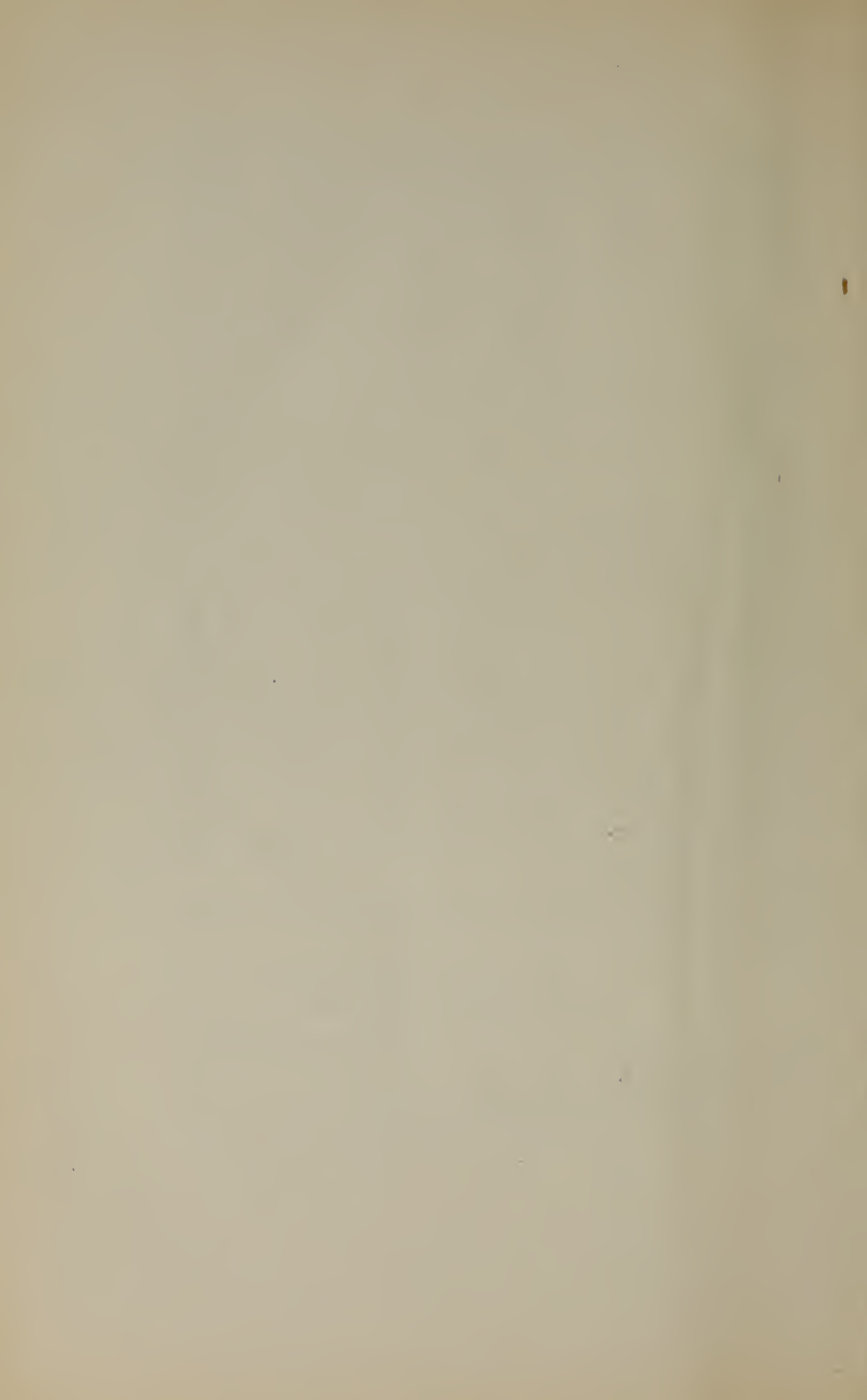
Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of January, A. D. 1916.

HAROLD W. BRAINERD,
CHARLES D. HOLDEN.

Selectmen of Palmer.

A true copy, Attest:

GEORGE A. BILLS,
Constable of Palmer.



Town of Palmer

SCHOOL REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1915

School Committee 1915-1916

Dr. George A. Moore, Chairman.

Clifton H. Hobson, Secretary.

William Kerigan,	Term Expires 1918
Dr. John F. Roche,	Term Expires 1918
Samuel E. Thayer,	Term Expires 1917
James Wilson,	Term Expires 1917
Dr. George A. Moore,	Term Expires 1916
John F. Shea,	Term Expires 1916

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held at 7.30 p. m., on the Tuesday before the last Friday of each school month.

All bills must be in the hands of the Superintendent before the above date.

Superintendent of Schools, Clifton H. Hobson.

Office, High School Building. Telephone, 54-4.

Residence, 30 Pearl Street. Telephone, 54-3.

Office hours: 8 a. m. to 12 m., 1.30 to 5 p. m.; Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m.; Tuesdays, 7 to 8 p. m., except the Tuesday before the last Friday of each school month.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

George A. Bills,	Depot
T. J. Crimmins,	Depot
Edward McKelligett,	Thorndike
Thomas Holt,	Three Rivers
William Smith,	Three Rivers
John Mansfield,	Bondsville
Arthur Bennett,	Forest Lake

JANITORS.

Charles Johnson,	High School
Charles Johnson,	Palmer
P. J. Sullivan,	Thorndike
C. E. Fuller,	Bondsville
William Smith,	Three Rivers

Calendar

HIGH SCHOOL.

Winter term begins January 3, 1916; ends February 25, 1916.
Spring term begins March 6, 1916; ends April 28, 1916.
Summer term begins May 8, 1916; ends June 30, 1916.
Fall term begins September 5, 1916; ends December 22, 1916.
Winter term begins January 2, 1917; ends February 23, 1917.
Spring term begins March 5, 1917; ends April 27, 1917.
Summer term begins May 7, 1917; ends June 29, 1917.

OTHER SCHOOLS.

Winter term begins January 3, 1916; ends February 25, 1916.
Spring term begins March 6, 1916; ends April 28, 1916.
Summer term begins May 8, 1916; ends June 16, 1916.
Fall term begins September 5, 1916; ends December 22, 1916.
Winter term begins January 2, 1917; ends February 23, 1917.
Spring term begins March 5, 1917; ends April 27, 1917.
Summer term begins May 7, 1917; ends June 15, 1917.

VACATIONS—ALL SCHOOLS.

Winter—February 26, 1916, to March 5, 1916, inclusive.
Spring—April 29, 1916, to May 7, 1916, inclusive.
Summer—(Grades): June 16, 1916, to September 4, 1916, inclusive.
(High): June 30, 1916, to September 4, 1916, inclusive.
Fall—December 22, 1916, to January 1, 1917, inclusive.
Winter—February 23, 1917, to March 4, 1917, inclusive.
Spring—April 27, 1917, to May 6, 1917, inclusive.

HOLIDAYS.

Fair Day, Columbus Day, Convention Day, Thanksgiving (with the day following), Washington's Birthday, Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day.

Report of School Committee

To the Citizens of the Town of Palmer:

The School Committee of the Town of Palmer submits its annual report.

The past year has been one of quiet, orderly progress in your schools, marked by harmonious co-operation of officers, teachers, pupils and public.

We venture to ask for an extension of this co-operative assistance on the part of parents. An easy and effective way to respond to this request is by regularly examining the report cards made out and sent to you by the teachers for your information as to the work being done by the pupils.

The schools doing grade work in the Depot village and in Three Rivers are crowded. More than thirty-five pupils in a room is not desirable, although forty can be handled by one teacher to reasonable advantage; yet we have rooms in each of which the teacher must care for more than fifty pupils. Some grade pupils are housed in the High School, and others in temporary quarters that conform neither to health nor fire regulations as outlined by law. It need not be said that this condition is bad for all concerned, and that some early provision must be made to apply a remedy. Your committee is studying needs and is conferring with the one-time members of a town committee appointed to consider capacity of schools; and, without doubt, some action will be taken to place before you plans for the solution of our school room problem.

The attention of voters is called to Chapter 714 of the Revised Laws, in effect July 1, 1914. Some of the provisions of this law, in the opinion of your committee, are not entirely equitable.

An appropriation of \$48,600 was made last year for school expenses. Of this amount, your committee has expended \$48,580.19, leaving a balance of \$19.81.

It was necessary to expend a considerable sum of money, about \$2100, for items that could not be foreseen, and had it not been for the practice of rigid economy and some temporary financial benefit accruing from change in teaching force, a deficit would have been shown instead of the small balance above noted. A list of unforeseen expenditures follows:—

High School—Opened new room; furniture; additional teacher.

Three Rivers Grammar—Opened new room; furniture; additional teacher.

Palmer Grammar—Procured gravel and graded yard; raised curb; new tar walk on School street.

All schools—Total of seventy tons of coal more than arranged for.

Night School—Night school maintained 37 nights instead of 24.

Your committee believes that the sum of \$52,125 will be needed this year, as shown and compared in the appended table, and thinks that this amount will provide for the keeping of your property up to its usual standard of excellent repair and for the prosecution of educational work.

COMPARISON OF RECOMMENDATIONS.*

	1915	1914	Difference
General Expenses,	\$3,225	\$3,000	+\$225
Teachers' Salaries,	27,700	26,500	+1,200
Textbooks and Supplies,	2,750	2,500	+250
Transportation,	3,100	2,900	+200
Janitors' Services,	2,650	2,600	+50
Fuel and Light,	3,650	3,400	+250
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds,	1,000	1,000	0
Rent,	200	200	0
Repairs of School Buildings,	800	500	+300
Music, Manual Training and Drawing,	1,950	1,900	+50
Commercial,	3,500	2,600	+900
Furniture and Furnishings,	600	300	+300
Other Expenses,	1,000	1,200	—200
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Total Increase,	\$52,125	\$48,600	+\$3,525
			\$3,525

* “+” indicates increase; “—”, decrease.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. GEORGE A. MOORE,

DR. JOHN F. ROCHE,

WILLIAM KERIGAN,

JOHN F. SHEA,

JAMES WILSON,

SAMUEL E. THAYER,

COMMITTEE.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of the Town of Palmer:

Gentlemen:—I herewith present my fifth annual report as Superintendent of the Schools of Palmer. This is the twenty-third in the series of reports issued by the superintendents of the town.

In this report, the statistics in regard to attendance, unless otherwise denominated, refer to the school year from September, 1914, to June, 1915.

INTRODUCTION.

In the four preceding reports of the present incumbent, many matters have been presented to you somewhat in detail; many questions of an educational nature, both general and particular, have been discussed. This course of procedure has been followed for certain definite and distinct reasons. An honest attempt to inform you and the community about, interest both of you in, and to secure your ardent co-operation in, all those concerns vital to the best welfare of your schools has been made. The manifestations of interest and support evidenced by you and the community as a whole are safe indications that such desires upon the writer's part have materialized. Such being the case, the necessity of such free use of space in the Annual Town Report is thereby obviated this year. Long treatments of such phases of school work as Attendance, Discipline, Cost, Loss of Teachers, Non-Promotions, Child Labor Laws, and Health of School Children are not necessary.

There are a few problems, nevertheless, that demand a somewhat full setting forth. These will be stressed in this report. Before their amplification is begun, nevertheless, a brief comment will be made upon some of those questions previously dealt with at length.

ATTENDANCE. The attendance statistics for the school year of 1914-1915 indicate a healthy condition in your schools. The percentage of attendance, 96.44%, is the highest ever attained. There were 159 cases of tardiness; this number was 36 in excess of that of last year. The number of pupils perfect in attendance—neither absent nor tardy—was 306, or 18½% of the average membership, an unusual showing. These figures speak for themselves. To get and appreciate their full significance, kindly study the tables of comparison of attendance and tardiness in this report.

COST. Palmer's average cost per pupil in average membership still continues to remain very low. The total amount expended from January 1, 1915, to January 1, 1916, the present fiscal year, was \$48,580.19; \$885.73 of this was spent upon Evening Schools, leaving a total of \$47,694.46 spent upon day schools; the average membership for this same period was 1,671.26. The cost per pupil was \$28.54. When it is remembered that the average cost per pupil for the State of Massachusetts is about \$41, it will be readily seen that Palmer's cost is low. In fact, the local cost is some \$12 or \$13 below that of the State; in other words, the cost per pupil is but 70 per cent. of the State average.

The table given below will furnish an excellent basis for comparing the one fact that makes Palmer's school expenditures seem much higher than they, in reality, are. The wealth of Palmer is low. Her valuation per inhabitant is very low. This table gives her assessed valuation for every pupil in average membership, her population, her rank in population in the State, her tax rate on April 1, 1912, her cost per pupil, and the amount per \$1,000 of valuation raised by taxation for school purposes. These are compared with the same items in the 353 cities and towns in the State. This table as given here was taken from the latest report of the State Board of Education, and includes only the towns that have a smaller valuation per pupil in average membership than that of Palmer.

COMPARISON OF 33 TOWNS

	Assessed Valuation per Unit of Average Membership.	Population.	Rank in Population.	Tax Rate, April, 1912.	Cost per Pupil	Amount per \$1000 Valuation for School Purposes.
Gill	\$1,277.51	942	274	\$15.50	\$39.05	\$6.90
Gay Head	1,376.13	162	349	10.96	61.65	5.68
Clarksburg	1,706.62	1,207	243	23.00	24.75	4.40
Savoy	2,138.26	503	313	22.00	41.65	8.31
Hawley	2,199.64	424	324	22.50	45.96	8.32
Middlefield	2,324.79	354	334	15.00	46.65	6.56
Huntington	2,325.54	1,473	220	25.00	33.65	9.35
Avon	2,462.59	2,013	183	21.10	22.99	7.63
Colrain	2,518.39	1,741	201	18.50	33.51	7.98
Berkley	2,590.21	999	268	18.80	33.65	5.92
Belchertown	2,593.97	2,054	181	20.40	29.07	8.17
Chester	2,610.41	1,377	230	25.00	33.40	7.32
Leverett	2,728.52	728	293	17.50	31.67	5.49
Auburn	2,758.96	2,420	157	17.20	22.00	6.88
Leyden	2,775.69	363	333	15.00	40.15	3.88
Provincetown	2,839.35	4,369	115	23.75	19.90	5.91
Templeton	2,855.89	3,756	123	21.00	29.52	9.10
Rehoboth	2,861.99	2,001	184	18.80	25.41	6.26
E. Longmeadow	2,874.18	1,553	216	17.75	37.09	7.00
Williamsburg	2,929.18	2,132	175	18.75	27.01	6.18
Monson	2,934.43	4,758	110	19.30	31.83	10.22
Groveland	3,011.37	2,253	162	23.80	28.65	8.54
Hinsdale	3,018.06	1,116	254	20.60	29.95	6.86
Somerset	3,060.21	2,798	144	16.00	22.60	6.91
Rowe	3,067.01	456	320	23.00	46.23	2.94
Bernardston	3,096.39	741	291	19.00	36.11	4.68
Brimfield	3,123.13	866	281	11.25	33.19	7.39
Heath	3,179.33	346	335	17.50	53.93	6.13
Charlemont	3,187.77	1,001	267	20.00	49.69	8.12
Holbrook	3,202.42	2,816	143	21.00	23.46	7.20
Northbridge	3,225.57	8,807	62	17.60	28.48	8.37
New Ashford	3,322.35	92	353	21.00	77.64	2.29
Palmer	3,371.82	8,610	64	16.40	29.25	8.21
Average	\$2,715.38	1,976.7	227.33	\$19.21	\$35.45	\$6.81

The comparison of these 33 towns shows that Palmer has the largest assessed valuation, is second largest in population, is twenty-seventh in rate of taxation, twenty-second in cost per pupil, and eighth in amount raised per \$1,000 of valuation. Remember that out of 353 towns and cities in the State—the total number of both—these 32 are the only ones with a lower wealth per pupil in average membership. There are 320 towns and cities with a larger proportionate wealth. Notice Palmer's comparative rank in tax rate; her low rank in cost per pupil. Also, note that she ranks high in amount raised per \$1,000 of valuation when she should rank low, in view of her rating in these other items. Why this seemingly unwarranted discrepancy? Every town with a lower amount per \$1,000 raised by taxation is one which receives fairly generous State Aid. The State reimburses small towns which maintain high schools or are in School Superintendency Unions. This reduces largely, in small towns, the amount to be raised by direct tax. Take Belcher-town as an example. The cost per pupil based on the actual amount yielded by taxation per pupil is \$21.05; the actual cost based on the amount yielded from all sources is \$29.07, or \$8.02 more. In other words, she is reimbursed to the extent of \$8.02 for every pupil in average membership. For that same year, Palmer's costs were \$28.45 and \$29.25 respectively; Palmer's reimbursement—all from local funds—was \$0.80 per pupil. This citation explains why we raise and spend for school purposes such an amount as \$8.21 per every \$1,000 of valuation. Looked at from any conceivable angle, the Palmer School Committee can not be arraigned as being wasters of public money.

EFFICIENCY.

SCHOOLS. The great demand of the day in all fields of endeavor is efficiency. An attempt is being made to measure all work—be the product abstract or concrete—by the rule of efficiency. This is entirely feasible where the output of the plant is material. When the pro-

duct is not material and can not be actually weighed, measured, and tested, the task is far more difficult. No product is more illusive, when an effort is made to evaluate it by some hard and fast standard, than that of the schools. Efficiency, at its best, is only a relative term. While there is a disagreement as to the real meaning of education, there can be no one result or results obtained that can be positively labeled as meeting the exact requirements of an efficient school system.

There is but little doubt as to the reason for the public support of schools in our country. It is the desire to so train the youth that all duties, public and private, shall be performed as skillfully, willingly, and squarely as possible. In other words, the object of the public school is to turn out, in so far as it is able, boys and girls in such fashion as to make them efficient citizens when they assume the responsibilities of citizenship. An efficient citizen is one who knows and wills to perform all his public duties; who is an efficient worker in his private day's work; who is self-supporting, self-respecting, unselfish, and considerate; who recognizes himself as a social being; who fulfills his duty toward God and man. The school should, then, in so far as the nature of the pupil will allow, endeavor to furnish the basis for the making of such a man. There are many contending factors—home, press, social life, moral atmosphere of community and associates—which may nullify much, if not all, that the school tries to do. Again, oftentimes, the inherited traits of low mentality, perverted mind, laziness, dissolution, irresponsibility, coupled with the correspondingly consequential environment furnished under such conditions, undo more than the school can ever do. The clay that the potter has, has much to do with his product. Consequently, the qualifications—"in so far as it is able" and "in so far as the nature of the pupil will allow"—are used. The school should train the mind to think logically, the eye to observe accurately, the ear to hear correctly, the hand to work skillfully, the tongue to speak intelligently. It should

also give right ideals, instil proper motives, broaden and lengthen the horizon. This it should do in so far as possible. What standardization can be set up here? Who will determine what the standard should be, and when it is reached? What sort of statistical allowance will be made for the insurmountable difficulties of natural limitations? When will the test be made—now or later in life? Hundreds of similar questions arise. No one can answer them. Some may think they can, but they can not.

TEACHERS. Who is to be the judge of the teacher's work? Without question, he should be an expert. Consequently, the principal or supervising officer, with the approval of the superintendent, should keep a record of efficiency. The grading should be upon few and well-defined classifications—as instruction, manner, discipline, etc. The standards should be thoroughly understood; they must, of necessity, harmonize with the aims, ideals, and policies of the individual system under which the teachers are working. These should be carefully set forth, both by talks and conferences, and classroom demonstrations. If the demands and expectations are understood, teachers are in a position to be dealt with more fairly. The first requirement for giving satisfaction in any sphere of activity is a clear understanding of what you should do and how you are expected to do it. This is not an ideal scheme by any means; it has many weaknesses. It is better than no scheme at all, for it presents to the proper officials a definite rating. All ratings, of course, depend to some extent upon the rater. The human element is bound to enter in. Human ability is very limited. There are no objective standards here any more than in school rating. Whatever we have are qualitative standards.

In order to have such a scheme produce the desired results as far as the teacher is concerned—her retention and professional growth—the marker and the teacher must maintain right relations one with another. The rater must be frank and honest. His criticisms should be positive, not

negative. He should discuss with his teacher her rating, telling her why she is so rated. He must be "man enough" in ability, disposition, and character to have his teacher's respect. The teacher must be equally frank and honest. She must take kindly criticism in the right spirit. She should accept it as willingly as she expects her pupils to accept it from her.

Such a scheme is workable and will produce good results. If due recognition is given to its weaknesses by all concerned, no harm will be done and much good will be accomplished.

MEDICAL INSPECTION.

The work of the discovery and exclusion of communicable diseases is being well done. What is needed, and needed badly, is some arrangement for the physical examination of pupils, the same to be followed up by a report to the parent and a follow-up visit by a school nurse. The school physician's work is not that of prescription or treatment, but of examination and report to parent with the suggestion that he consult his family physician.

There is no enforcing clause in the laws to compel such parent to attend to the physical needs of the child, if he does not act upon suggestion. Yet, much can be done by co-operation. The school nurse visits the home and explains the report. She wins the respect of the parents and they tend to heed her advice. In visiting the home from time to time, she teaches the parents how to improve the hygienic conditions of the home. An investigation in one of our largest cities showed that in 1,353 cases where a nurse was employed 89 per cent of the recommendations were carried out; that in 1,780 cases, without a nurse, only 24 per cent. of the recommendations of the same physician were carried out. This percentage in favor of the use of school nurses is undoubtedly larger than usual; nevertheless, it is a safe indication of the difference in medical inspection with and without a school nurse.

If the medical inspectors in your schools were paid more and made physical examinations, and if arrangements

were made, upon proper payment from the school funds, with the District Nurse Association whereby the follow-up work could be done by the District Nurse, excellent results could be secured at small cost.

An examination of almost 600,000 school children revealed, it is claimed, that about 65 per cent. of the children attending our public schools are suffering from physical defects serious enough to need attention. Some 85 per cent. of this 65 per cent. of defects, it is said, are those of teeth, throat, nose, and eyes.

Some definite action should be taken, in the writer's opinion, to do the medical inspection on a larger scale.

NIGHT SCHOOLS. Night schools were maintained for a period of twenty-four nights last year. These schools were run, in accordance with the requirements of recent legislative enactments, for the purpose of taking care, in an educational way, of all illiterates between the ages of 16 and 21 years residing in Palmer, a school being maintained in Three Rivers, Thorndike, and Bondsville.

The following table very briefly and concisely gives the attendance statistics:

	Three Rivers	Bonds- ville	Thorn- dike	Sum- mary
Enrollment	104	102	89	295
Average Membership	104	91.54	74.88	270.42
Average Attendance	101.13	88.12	68.13	257.38
Per cent. of Attendance	97.23	91.54	90.98	97.17
Tardiness	0	0	0	0
Perfect in Attendance	55	52	26	133

The total amount expended for this purpose was \$662.85. The cost per pupil in average membership was \$2.45; in average attendance, \$2.57. This is an exceedingly low cost per pupil. During the school year of 1913-14, seventy-seven towns and cities maintained night schools; their average cost per pupil in average attendance was \$11.21. Many of these towns maintained schools on a much larger and broad-

er scope than we; this, of course, made the average cost higher than ours. Nevertheless, a careful analysis reveals that only two towns even approximated Palmer's low maintenance charge—Westfield with a cost of \$2.71, and Greenfield with a cost of \$2.57. Both of these towns conducted but one school; Palmer, because of her geographical make-up, conducted three.

This year the evening schools are being run upon a larger gauge. The illiterates are being taken care of, and also those who are interested in becoming citizens of our country. The period of maintenance has been increased to forty nights, experience having proved that the previous plan of twenty-four nights did not produce the desired results.

The pupils of these schools are almost exclusively people of Polish extraction, the only exception being a class of some thirty people of French lineage who are preparing themselves for citizenship. A marked improvement in many respects is noted this year in those who attended last year. They speak and read English better; they are more neatly and tastily clothed; they are more careful in matters of personal hygiene; they understand American ways better and are, consequently, from an American viewpoint, better mannered. They show keen interest in their work, and their efforts to learn inspire one's respect and admiration.

The "Citizenship Class," established this year in the three evening schools, is one of the best things done along educational lines locally for some time. The purpose of this "Class" is to train our aliens for intelligent citizenship. The prospective citizen must first be taught English; then he must be given a background of the essential facts of United States History and Government so that he may have an intelligent idea of what his oath of allegiance really means; next he must be trained to adopt the point of view and ideals of America as far as possible. These three initial steps having been taken, the probabilities of making an American citizen with the right spirit toward, sympathy

with, and loyalty to, our country are good. This is a tremendous task. Full accomplishment is impossible; but a very near approximation is entirely possible.

There are some sixty-nine men in these classes now. They are receiving valuable instruction. Later in the evening school year, if possible, talks by lawyers, judges, and doctors will be given—the first two to talk upon citizenship, and the last upon home and personal hygiene from the American standpoint.

The possibilities are unlimited. Some one has said, "Let me write the songs of a nation and I care not who makes the laws." This simply means that through the song can be implanted within the breasts of a people the right ideals which would furnish them with proper motives for the fulfilment of the highest conception of citizenship. Ideals, then, are the basis of true patriotism. May our evening schools implant the right ideals within the breast of its attendants!

SCHOOL EXTENSION WORK. Wider and wider use of school buildings is being made yearly throughout the United States. Communities are realizing that they have too large an investment in their public school property to use it only five hours a day for approximately two hundred days a year, or, in total hours, about one thousand hours a year. Palmer has an investment of nearly \$200,000 in her school buildings and equipment.

Some of the after-school activities are classified as follows:—Cultural—Night School, lectures, civic occasions (mass meetings, public discussions); Recreational—Athletics (gymnastics, active games, folk dancing), clubs (social, athletic) or groups (musical, handicraft, etc.), rooms open for quiet games, reading, study; Social—Social Dancing, social occasions (parties, banquets).

Without question, some of these activities are, for financial reasons, beyond us now and will be for some time to come. There are, though, many of them that could be

engaged in without heavy expense if we only had a school building with an assembly hall and a gymnasium. Palmer needs both and needs them acutely. If she ever erects another school building and fails to make ample provision for these crying needs, she will make a big mistake. School-houses erected to-day in any sizable town ought to be constructed with these after-school activities in mind.

The time is surely coming when the citizens of Palmer, irrespective of whether they are of school age or working age, children or adults, will use her school buildings much more fully than they do to-day.

The benefit derived from such a community work can not be judged by the number who are actively participating in it. Education of a community comes through a process of sociological diffusion as well as through the direct activities of its educational plants. At first only a few are affected. They act as "spreaders" of what they get, be it education, hygiene, citizenship, or recreation. Right action and ideals are as contagious as evil action and ideals; "good" is as "catching" as "evil." The pebble dropped into the pond makes but little noise and impression upon contact, yet it starts in motion ripples that grow into wider and wider circles until the edge of the shore is reached. The instinct of imitation is strong in all people. Consequently, what is given to the few soon becomes transmitted to the many. The world has ever been educated thus.

COMMERCIAL COURSE. The evidence of the wisdom of installing a Commercial Department in the High School is constantly being produced. That the quality of the work done is good is amply proved by the success of the graduates in obtaining positions; also, to some extent, by the continually increasing enrollment. Some forty-three freshmen enrolled in this course last September. This increase necessitated the assignment of a new room to this work and the engagement of an additional teacher. The entire course now enrolls some eighty-six pupils.

One of the most pleasing forms of testimony offered in confirmation of the efficiency of this Department is the repeated calls received from those who have had previous graduates. Within the past few months, two business houses have come to the high school for office assistants, stating that they did so because of their satisfaction with other Palmer pupils. One, in particular, reported that he had several other applicants but that he preferred to get one of our pupils, if possible. The other had previously employed two local commercial graduates and was so pleased with them that he came looking for the third. Frequent reports from local and out-of-town employers commend highly the work of Palmer graduates. One typewriter employment agency frequently sends for local graduates in attempting to fill positions, saying frankly that it does so because of the high type of graduate.

This is entirely unsought commendation and is given merely as concrete proof, and not in any attempt to offer self-laudation.

Forty-six pupils have been graduated. Thirty-four are working; five are taking advanced work in some school—three at the High School; three are remaining home for personal reasons; two have died; and two have become married.

Previously, tables showing the salaries of nearly all of those working have been furnished; this year only the salaries of the last two classes will be given. Fourteen pupils graduated in 1914. Twelve of them report as follows:—Combined Yearly Wage, \$6,175; Combined Weekly Wage, \$118.75; Average Yearly Wage, \$514.80; Average Weekly Wage, \$9.90. In 1915, fourteen pupils were graduated. In spite of poor business conditions, nine have been placed in positions. They report as follows:—Combined Yearly Wage, \$4,368; Combined Weekly Wage, \$84; Average Yearly Wage, \$485.33; Average Weekly Wage, \$9.33.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Hurley, Principal of the High School, submits the following report:

Palmer, Mass., Dec. 9, 1915.

Mr. Clifton H. Hobson,
Superintendent of Schools,
Palmer, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Following find the report of the High School for the past year. As most of the matters planned for the year ending June 30, 1915, have been mentioned in the preceding report, and have been successfully carried out, I will confine my remarks to the graduates of last June, and to events which have transpired since the opening of school on September 7th.

On June 30, 1915, a class of thirty-seven was graduated. Of these, twenty-three were from the classical department, and fourteen from the commercial department. Of the four-year graduates, three have entered Normal school; six, college; and one, business college.

Of the Commercial graduates, nine are already placed in positions, three are taking post graduate courses at the High School, one is at home, and one was recently married. The reports from those who are holding positions are very favorable.

The School opened on September 7th with an enrollment of one hundred and seventy-four pupils, and a faculty of nine teachers. The class distribution was as follows:—Four-year Seniors, fourteen; Juniors, eighteen; Sophomores, twenty-six; and Freshmen, twenty-one; Commercial Seniors, twenty-two; Commercial Juniors, twenty; and Commercial Freshmen, forty-four. In addition to these, there were nine post graduates and special students. As you will notice, a very large percentage of the entering class chose the Commercial Course. This, coupled with the fact that all but a few of our commercial graduates are occupying positions entailing a fair degree of responsibility, attests the popularity of this course, and emphasizes very

strongly its need. The increased growth of this particular department has necessitated the opening of a new room in the building, and the employment of an extra teacher. Miss Anna Bernau, a graduate of Boston University 1911, and a teacher of three years' experience, is filling this newly created position in a very acceptable manner.

Changes in three departments have to be recorded at this time. Miss Toolin has resumed her duties as instructor in French and German, after a year's absence, which was spent in Italy, in study and research work. Mr. Kiley resigned his position as teacher of science, after a year of very efficient service, to accept a more lucrative position in the same department of the West Springfield High School. He has been ably succeeded by Mr. Clarence T. Hamill, Brown University 1915. One or two changes have been made in the manner of conducting the work of this department. A full year's course in Biology is now offered in place of the half-year courses formerly offered in Zoology and Botany, respectively. Although we were already greatly handicapped by want of space in the laboratory, it was deemed necessary to install a work bench for the microscopical and dissection work of this course, as well as for some of the experimental work incidental to the other science courses, and this was done accordingly by Mr. Hamill. Miss Wyman resigned as instructor in English, after having given three years of eminently satisfactory service. Her place was filled by Miss Leta Young of Waterville, Maine, who is a Colby graduate, Class of 1911. Miss Young has had three years' experience, in addition to which she has taken a year's post graduate work at Yale. Illness has compelled her to abandon her work for the time being. Miss Emily Ham of Brookfield, Mass., an English teacher of several years' experience, is substituting for her. The manner of conducting the English classes is essentially the same, the only change being a slight variation in the method of carrying on the debates. The period that was given over to mechanical drawing last year, which subject it was

deemed advisable to discontinue, has been given this year to debating, which is compulsory upon the four-year Seniors and Juniors.

It is gratifying to have to record no other changes in the personnel of our teaching corps. The work in the other departments is progressing very favorably under the same able supervision which it had last year. The town is fortunate in possessing teachers of such fine mental equipment.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all who have in any way assisted in making this last school year a success. We trust that the same spirit of co-operation and good will which has characterized past relations between the public and the high school, will continue to manifest itself in the future. Results are certain of accomplishment wherever this spirit exists.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. HURLEY.

MUSIC AND MANUAL ARTS.

Both of these special subjects have been frequently enlarged upon. This time their treatment will be short. The instruction in and the supervision over both lines of work are excellent. If as good results could be obtained in all school work as are secured by these supervisors in their particular fields, the entire work of your schools would be par excellent.

TEACHERS.

The teaching corps has suffered these losses during the period. intervening between this and last year's report:—By resignation—Alice E. Wyman, English, High School; M. M. Kiley, Science, High School; Marie J. Knobel, Grade I, Palmer Grammar School; Katherine B. Denlinger, Grade 4, Three Rivers Grammar School; Mary T. Smith, Grades 6 and 7, Bondsville Grammar School; Zilpha L. Sturtevant, Grade 3, Bondsville Grammar School. By retirement—Mary E. Murdock, Grade I, Thorndike Grammar School. By death—Jennie C. Twiss, Principal, Bondsville Grammar School.

Mrs. Murdock had taught in Palmer for a period of fifty years, a remarkable record. Her work was always of high order. Her rest from active duties is well earned.

Miss Twiss was a par excellent teacher. Her work with the boys and girls in Bondsville will continue as long as they live. Her influence for good was strong. Her loss was a severe one.

The following teachers have been appointed:—Leta Young, English, High School; C. T. Hamill, Science, High School; Anna Bernau, Commercial, High School; Katherine Duffy, Grade I, Palmer Grammar School; Charlotte V. Furfhey, Grade 1, Thorndike Grammar School; Eleanor C. Reardon, Grades 6 and 7, Bondsville Grammar School; Mary R. Farrell, Grade 3, Bondsville Grammar School; Anne Mansfield, Grade 4, Three Rivers Grammar School; Lois Mead, Grades 2 and 3, Three Rivers Grammar School.

Taken as a whole, your teachers are earnest, conscientious, and hard workers. They are actuated by true and high motives and give their best efforts to their work. You are to be congratulated for the excellent quality of your teaching force.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations are offered for your consideration:

(1.) That the necessity of increased accommodations in the housing capacity of school children in the village of Palmer be brought to the attention of the voters, in whatever way you deem best, for immediate action.

(2.) That the School Committee recommend the inclusion of an assembly hall and gymnasium in the first new school building erected in this village.

(3.) That the School Committee carefully consider the advisability of starting some kind of School Extension Work.

(4.) That the School Committee investigate the need, the possibility, and the desirability of making the Medical Inspection broader in scope and more effective in operation.

(5.) That the School Committee consider the wisdom of operating the Commercial Department a certain number of evenings during the school year in order to offer the advantages of some commercial training to those who, for various reasons, were unable during their school days to secure such.

CONCLUSION.

An attempt to make this report brief, and yet cover the necessary ground, has been made. The writer desires to thank all—Committee, citizens, teachers, and pupils—for the consideration, co-operation, and healthy spirit toward school affairs that they have shown the past year. A continuation of such an attitude spells "SUCCESS" in capital letters.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON H. HOBSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

Palmer, Mass., December 10, 1915.

Appendix

A. GENERAL STATISTICS.

I. Population.

Census of 1910,	8,610
School population, September 1, 1914, 5 to 15 years of age,	1,479
School population, September 1, 1915, 5 to 15 years of age,	1,474

II. Pupils.

Number of children in town, September 1, as taken
from the school census and registers:

	1913-14	1914-15
Between ages of 7 and 14,	997	868
Aggregate enrollment, Sept. to June,	1,772	1,788
Average daily attendance,	1,471.52	1,582.20
Average number belonging,	1,526.97	1,640.54
Per cent. of attendance,	96.37	96.44
Average number of pupils to each teacher:		
In the High School,	21	21.88
In the other schools,	40.89	40.33

B. ATTENDANCE STATISTICS.

I. Attendance by Rooms, 1914-1915.

Schools	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Tardiness	Enrollment
High,	164.2	157.69	95.8	29	175
Palmer:					
Grade 9,	25.53	24.67	96.63	0	26
Grade 8,	36.65	35.7	96.93	3	43
Grade 7,	43.8	42.7	97.4	0	46
Grades 6 and 7,	40.5	39.41	97.3	1	43
Grades 5 and 6,	41.1	42.2	95.6	1	46
Grade 5,	41.21	39.91	96.85	1	47
Grade 4,	54.8	52.7	96.1	1	62
Grade 3,	42.23	40.58	96.10	10	47
Grades 2 and 3,	44.17	42.71	96.71	2	46
Grade 2,	50.01	47.95	95.88	3	56
Grade 1,	30.64	27.94	91.26	15	36
Grade 1,	33.7	32.01	94.97	11	37
Thorndike:					
Grades 8 and 9,	27.34	26.92	98.48	0	29
Grades 6 and 7,	39.21	37.85	97.19	0	43
Grade 5,	35.11	34.36	97.88	0	50
Grade 4,	35.05	34.20	97.63	1	37
Grade 3,	40.36	39.55	97.97	0	52
Grade 2,	37.59	36.85	97.77	3	39
Grade 1,	47.17	45.81	97.13	6	49

Bondsville:

Grades 8 and 9,	26.87	26.47	98.52	1	27
Grades 6 and 7,	34.84	33.50	96.12	0	39
Grade 5,	28.92	26.17	97.21	0	31
Grade 4,	36.82	35.77	97.10	0	41
Grade 3,	33.84	32.94	97.34	0	36
Grade 2,	44.16	42.23	95.57	2	49
Grade 1,	30.18	28.99	96.03	4	33
Grade 1,	29.48	27.94	94.75	4	33

Three Rivers:

Grades 8 and 9,	33.93	33.30	98.23	0	35
Grade 7,	30.99	28.97	93.62	0	36
Grade 6,	30.47	29.97	96.83	0	32
Grade 5,	47.73	45.82	95.91	4	52
Grade 4,	48.39	46.38	95.79	5	51
Grade 3,	47.01	45.25	96.04	3	49
Grade 2,	46.19	45.14	97.71	6	47
Grades 1 and 2,	41.94	40.98	97.47	4	44
Grade 1,	50.13	47.82	95.46	11	54

Districts:

Wire Mill,	43.19	42.06	97.36	21	47
Center,	29.37	28.34	96.5	3	30
Shorley,	12.72	12.45	97.87	4	13

II. Attendance by Schools.

1914-1915.

High,	164.2	157.69	95.80	29	175
Palmer Grammar,	487.34	468.48	95.98	48	535
Thorndike Grammar,	261.83	255.54	97.72	10	299
Bondsville Grammar,	265.11	254.01	96.58	11	289
Three Rivers Gram-					
mar,	376.78	363.63	96.34	33	400
Wire Mill,	43.19	42.06	97.36	21	47
Palmer Center,	29.37	28.34	96.5	3	30
Shorley,	12.72	12.45	97.87	4	13
Total,	1,640.54	1,582.20	96.44	159	1,788

III. Per Cent. of Attendance by Buildings.
1914—1915.

School.	Per Cent.
Shorley,	97.87
Thorndike,	97.72
Wire Mill,	97.36
Bondsville,	96.58
Palmer Center,	96.5
Three Rivers,	96.34
Palmer,	95.98
High,	95.80

IV. Distribution of Pupils by Classes in Schools,
November 1, 1915.

	Palmer	Three Rivers	Bondsville	Thorndike	Wire Mill	Center	Shorley	High	Total
Grade 1,	66	82	73	54	19	4	1		299
Grade II,	71	73	46	49	7	8	3		257
Grade III,	84	56	38	40	10	5	0		233
Grade IV,	52	46	33	31	14	10	5		191
Grade V,	63	40	37	33			3		176
Grade VI,	55	41	25	33			2		156
Grade VII,	51	28	14	15					108
Grade VIII,	49	25	14	22					110
Grade IX,	35	15	14	11					75
Freshman,								66	66
Sophomore,								25	25
Junior,								36	36
Senior,								36	36
Post Graduate,								11	11
Total,	526	406	294	288	50	27	14	174	1,779

V. Age and Grade Distribution Table in Elementary

Schools, November 1, 1915.

GRADE.

5	124	1									125
6	122	76	1								199
7	<u>41</u>	91	88	1							221
8	8	<u>56</u>	74	38	2						178
9	2	25	<u>33</u>	62	47	7					176
10	1	3	16	<u>29</u>	55	41					145
11	0	2	10	<u>33</u>	<u>36</u>	49	25	4			159
12	1	3	4	14	<u>21</u>	<u>30</u>	39	35	3		150
13			4	11	10	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>	44	25		146
14			0	2	4	3	12	<u>16</u>	26		63
15			3	1	1		6	<u>8</u>	13		32
16								3	8		11

Total	299	257	233	191	176	156	108	110	75	1,605
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Above

Normal Age,	12	33	37	61	36	29	18	11	8	245
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Per Cent.

Above Nor-

mal Age,

4.01	12.84	15.88	31.94	20.44	18.59	16.67	10.	10.67	15.26
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The figures printed above the black line indicate the number of pupils within and below the normal grade age.

VI. Record of Permanent Withdrawals and Reasons of Pupils from September, 1914, to July, 1915.

	High	Palmer	Three Rivers	Thorndike	Bondsville	Districts	Totals
Removal from Town,	4	29	13	12	22	1	81
Going to Work,	11*	11	17	3	11		53
Ill Health,	5	10	3		4		22
Immaturity,				1			1
Suspension,	2						2
Failure to Do Work,	1						1
	<hr/> 23	<hr/> 50	<hr/> 33	<hr/> 16	<hr/> 37	<hr/> 1	<hr/> 160

*Seven were Commercial Pupils placed in positions before the school year ended.

VII. Average Number of Pupils per Teacher in the Palmer Public Schools, November 1, 1914 and 1915.

School.	Enrollment.		No. of Teachers.		Av. No. Pupils per Teacher.	
	1914	1915	1914	1915	1914	1915
High,	169	174	8	9	21.13	19.33
Palmer Grammar,	506	526	12	12	42.17	43.83
Thorndike Grammar,	255	288	6	7	42.5	41.14
Three Rivers Grammar,	386	406	9	9	42.89	45.11
Bondsville Grammar,	282	294	8	8	35.25	36.75
Shorley,	13	14	1	1	13	14
Palmer Center,	30	27	1	1	30	27
Wire Mill,	45	50	2	2	22.50	25
All Schools,	1,696	1,779	47	49	35.87	36.31
High,	169	174	8	9	21.13	19.33
Grades,	1,429	1,514	35	36	40.83	42.06
Districts,	88	91	4	4	22	22.75

C. PROMOTION STATISTICS.

I. Promotions in the Grades.

Year Ending June, 1915.

PALMER.

GRADE	No. of pupils in Grade in June.	Promoted Un- conditionally.	Promoted Con- ditionally.	Not Promoted.	Per Cent Not Promoted
9	26	26	0	0	0
8	35	34	1	0	0
7	58	49	2	7	12.07
6	51	42	3	6	11.76
5	53	48	0	5	9.43
4	58	53	1	4	6.90
3	54	42	6	6	11.11
2	77	58	12	7	9.09
1	63	54	1	8	12.70
	<hr/> 475	<hr/> 406	<hr/> 26	<hr/> 43	<hr/> 9.05

THORNDIKE.

9	12	12	0	0	0
8	14	14	0	0	0
7	22	9	10	3	13.64
6	19	7	8	4	21.05
5	31	23	7	1	3.23
4	35	32	0	3	8.57
3	33	25	3	5	15.15
2	38	31	3	4	10.53
1	49	40	0	9	18.36
	<hr/> 253	<hr/> 193	<hr/> 31	<hr/> 29	<hr/> 11.46

BONDSVILLE.

9	13	13	0	0	0
8	14	14	0	0	0
7	17	15	1	1	5.88
6	15	10	4	1	6.67
5	29	22	4	3	10.34
4	42	30	7	5	11.90
3	35	23	6	6	17.14
2	46	26	8	12	26.09
1	59	30	5	24	40.68
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	270	183	35	52	19.26

THREE RIVERS.

9	17	17	0	0	0
8	16	10	3	3	18.75
7	29	18	11	0	0
6	29	27	2	0	0
5	45	36	9	0	0
4	45	41	0	4	8.89
3	47	39	4	4	8.51
2	67	50	2	15	22.39
1	75	57	4	14	18.67
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	370	295	35	40	10.81

WIRE MILL.

4	8	4	1	3	37.5
3	12	10	1	1	8.33
2	10	7	3	0	0
1	15	6	1	8	53.33
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	45	27	6	12	26.67

PALMER CENTER.

4	4	3	1	0	0
3	9	8	1	0	0
2	8	4	2	2	25.
1	8	6	0	2	25.
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	29	21	4	4	13.79

SHORLEY.

5	4	2	2	0	0
4	1	1	0	0	0
3	4	3	1	0	0
1	4	3	0	1	25.
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	13	9	3	1	7.69

SUMMARY.

1	273	196	11	66	24.17
2	246	176	30	40	16.26
3	194	150	22	22	11.34
4	193	164	10	19	9.84
5	162	131	22	9	5.55
6	114	86	17	11	9.64
7	126	91	24	11	8.73
8	79	72	4	3	3.8
9	68	68	0	0	0
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	1,455	1,134	140	181	12.44

II. Reasons Ascribed by Teacher for
Failure of Promotion.

	Number of Pupils	Per Cent
Inability,	57	31 89-181
Immaturity,	21	11 109-181
Lack of Concentration,	20	11 19-181
Inattentiveness,	9	4 176-181
Absence,	9	4 176-181
Mentally Deficient,	8	4 76-181
Lack of Preparation,	8	4 76-181
Inability to Speak English,	5	2 138-181
Late Entrance,	4	3 38-181
Lack of Application,	3	1 119-181
Inability and Lack of Concentration,	3	1 119-181
Absence and Lack of Concentration,	3	1 119-181

Physical Condition,	2	1	19-181
Lack of Effort,	2	1	19-181
Lack of Concentration and Inability to Speak English,	2	1	19-181
Lack of Memory,	2	1	19-181
Lack of Confidence,	2	1	19-181
Defective Eyesight,	2	1	19-181
Inability and Carelessness,	1	.5	95-181
Inability and Lack of Application,	1	.5	95-181
Inattentiveness and Inability,	1	.5	95-181
Absence and Inability,	1	.5	95-181
Absence and Lack of Preparation,	1	.5	95-181
Lack of Effort and Concentration,	1	.5	95-181
Absence and Lack of Effort,	1	.5	95-181
Inability and Late Entrance,	1	.5	95-181
Inability and Peculiar Nature,	1	.5	95-181
Impediment in Speech,	1	.5	95-181
Immaturity and Inability to Speak English,	1	.5	95-181
Immaturity and Defective Eyesight,	1	.5	95-181
Immaturity and Absence,	1	.5	95-181
Defective Eyesight and Inability to Speak English,	1	.5	95-181
Peculiar Nature and Lack of Concentration,	1	.5	95-181
Peculiar Nature and Inability to Speak English,	1	.5	95-181
Nervousness,	1	.5	95-181
Defective Hearing,	1	.5	95-181
Diffidence,	1	.5	95-181
TOTAL	<hr/> 181		

III. Repeaters In The Grades.

November 1, 1915.

Grade	Number Belonging.	Number Repeating.	Percentage Repeating.
1	290	63	21.72
2	253	38	10.12
3	228	22	9.65
4	189	17	8.99
5	175	11	6.29
6	153	10	6.54
7	106	9	8.49
8	110	2	1.81
9	75	0	0
	<hr/> 1,597	<hr/> 172	<hr/> 10.89

IV. Repeaters In The High Schools

By Subjects.

November 1, 1915.

Number Repeating.	Name of Subject.
3	Bookkeeping I
4	Bookkeeping II
2	Algebra
4	Plane Geometry
2	Latin I
3	English I
1	English II
2	Typewriting
1	German I

D. EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES

Total Number Issued Past Year.

Employment (Ages 14-16),	240
Literate (Ages 16-21),	218
Illiterate (Ages 16-21),	385
Home Permit (Ages 14-16),	20
Educational Permit,	33
Total,	<hr/> 896

E. PENNY SAVINGS.

YEAR.	DEPOSITS.
1912	\$2,579.82
1913	2,789.23
1914	2,985.95
1915	1,772.23
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4 years	\$10,127.23
Average Yearly Deposit,	\$2,531.84

F. TABLES OF COMPARISON.

I. COMPARISON OF ATTENDANCE FOR TEN YEARS.

Year	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance
1905-6	1,084.67	1,040.47	95.4
1906-7	1,039.24	982	94.49
1907-8	1,151.19	1,094.03	95
1908-9	1,193.56	1,130.3	94.7
1909-10	1,243.38	1,157.35	95
1910-11	1,298.9	1,244.56	95.23
1911-12	1,411.33	1,333.62	94.49
1912-13	1,433.71	1,372.99	95.76
1913-14	1,526.97	1,471.52	96.37
1914-15	1,640.54	1,582.20	96.44

II. COMPARISON OF TARDINESS FOR TEN YEARS. Ten Years Compared.

	'05-6	'06-7	'07-8	'08-9	'09-10	'10-11	'11-12	'12-13	'13-14	'14-15
High School	63	51	222	161	230	322	85	22	9	29
Palmer Grammar	166	149	327	344	158	178	83	86	48	48
Three Rivers Grammar	71	32	106	108	126	165	63	47	35	33
Thorndike Grammar	38	26	27	45	56	104	31	14	8	10
Bondsville Grammar	22	19	28	21	25	29	16	13	6	11
Wire Mill	24	14	..	52	46	61	51	11	12	21
Center	29	17	37	19	28	12	9	2	2	3
Shorley	16	..	..	..	8	26	32	8	3	4
Forest Lake	79	..	..	..	50	10	61	..	..	..
Mason	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	<u>519</u>	<u>308</u>	<u>747</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>727</u>	<u>907</u>	<u>431</u>	<u>203</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>159</u>

III. TABLE OF COST—

	1906-7	1907-8	
Total	\$26,744.92	\$27,801.07	\$
Average Membership	1,084.67	1,039.24	
Average Attendance	1,040.47	982	
Cost per pupil based	\$24.66	\$26.75	
on average membership			
Cost per pupil based	\$25.70	\$28.31	
on average attendance			
	† 1914	1915	
General Expenses	\$2,452.79	\$2,982.08	
Teachers' Salaries	18,869.14	25,293.18	
Text Books, Supplies	2,212.99	1,971.55	
Transportation	2,294.00	2,635.40	
Janitors' Services	2,067.25	2,517.50	
Fuel and Light	3,205.61	3,680.17	
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	913.48	1,323.95	
Repairs of School Buildings	1,195.53	505.20	
Music, Manual Training and Drawing	1,849.58	1,895.48	
Other Expenses	894.69	1,089.52	
Furniture and Furnishings	843.18	937.44	
Rent	104.50	22.50	
Commercial	2,603.46	2,840.49	
Total	\$39,506.20	\$47,694.46	
Evening Schools		885.73	
		\$48,580.19	
Average Membership	1,584.16	1,671.26	
Average Attendance	1,534.44	1,617.31	
Cost per pupil based on average member- ship	\$24.94	\$28.54*	
Cost per pupil based on average atten- dance	\$25.74	\$29.49	

*We have earned from tuition and interest on funds about \$2,065.05; this would reduce the actual cost per pupil to \$27.30.

†Short fiscal year—ten months only.

Owing to a change in the classification of accounts made two years ago, it has been possible to compare in detail the expenses of the last two years only. The amount expended annually is given for the previous eight years.

TEN YEARS COMPARED. *

1908-9	1909-10	1910-11	1911-12	1912-13	1913-14
32,257.23	\$30,744.50	\$35,950.30	\$38,177.54	\$40,060.21	\$43,236.15
1,151.19	1,193.56	1,243.38	1,298.9	1,411.33	1,433.71
1,094.03	1,130.3	1,157.35	1,244.56	1,333.62	1,372.99
\$28.02	\$25.76	\$28.91	\$29.39	\$28.38	\$30.15
29.48	\$27.20	\$31.06	\$30.68	\$30.03	\$31.49

IV. COST PER SCHOOL.

Accounts	High	Palmer	Thorndike	Three Rivers	Bondsville	Districts	Office	Total
General Expenses	\$ 73.50	\$ 37.82	\$ 35.56	\$ 66.31	\$ 41.06	\$ 9.00	\$2,718.83	\$ 2,982.08
Teachers' Salaries	5,298.00	5,948.40	3,610.60	4,591.18	3,800.40	1,938.00		25,293.18
Text Books, Supplies	684.61	476.80	216.22	292.57	177.82	113.09	10.44	1,971.55
Transportation	1,041.25	1,210.75	25.00	23.00	25.00	310.40		2,635.40
Janitors' Services	550.00	550.00	396.00	484.00	440.00	97.50		2,517.50
Fuel and Light	799.10	927.67	688.05	464.98	697.77	102.60		3,680.17
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	266.24	592.82	143.50	100.39	201.50	19.50		1,323.95
Repairs of School Buildings	177.23	40.20	18.60	162.03	103.69	3.45		505.20
Music, Manual Training and Drawing	186.48	431.81	385.93	372.05	353.82	165.39		1,895.48
Other Expenses	301.40	192.88	188.68	193.24	176.87	36.45		1,089.52
Furniture and Furnishings	293.71	163.20	182.27	220.44	49.20		28.62	937.44
Rent	22.50							22.50
Commercial	2,840.49							2,840.49
Total	\$12,534.51	\$10,572.35	\$5,896.41	\$7,070.79	\$6,067.13	\$2,795.38	\$2,757.89	\$47,694.46
*Evening Schools,			252.53	359.22	273.98			885.73
Total Day and Evening Schools,								\$48,580.19

Average membership	166.66	497.54	264.09	383.69	272.35	86.93	1,671.26	1,671.26
Cost per pupil (based on av. membership)	\$75.21	\$21.85	\$22.33	\$18.43	\$22.28	\$32.16	\$ 1.65	\$28.54

*The expenses under Evening Schools are for the fiscal year from January, 1915, to January, 1916. This includes the twenty-four nights that these schools were in operation during the past school year and thirteen during the present school year, making thirty-seven in all.

V. COST PER PUPIL PER ACCOUNT BASED ON AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.

Accounts	High	Palmer	Thorndike	Three Rivers	Bondsville	Districts	Office	Total
General Expenses	\$.45	\$.08	\$.14	\$.17	\$.15	\$.10	\$ 1.62	\$ 1.78
Teachers' Salaries	31.73	11.95	13.67	12.23	13.96	22.30		15.14
Text Books, Supplies	4.11	.96	.82	.76	.65	1.30	.01	1.18
Transportation	6.25	2.43	.10	.06	.09	3.57		1.58
Janitors' Services	3.30	1.11	1.50	1.26	1.62	1.12		1.51
Fuel and Light	4.81	1.86	2.61	1.21	2.56	1.18		2.20
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds.	1.60	1.19	.55	.26	.74	.23		.79
Repairs of School Buildings	1.07	.08	.07	.42	.38	.04		.30
Music, Manual Training and Drawing	1.12	.87	1.46	.97	1.30	1.90		1.14
Other Expenses	1.81	.39	.72	.51	.65	.42		.65
Furniture and Furnishings	1.77	.33	.69	.58	.18		.02	.56
Rent	.14							.01
Commercial	17.05							1.70
Total	\$75.21	\$21.25	\$22.33	\$18.43	\$22.28	\$32.15	\$ 1.65	\$28.54

G. INSURANCE.

I. Total Estimated Value of Buildings and Contents.

School.	Building.	Contents.	Totals
Palmer High,	\$37,250.00	\$5,150.00	\$42,400.00
Palmer Grammar,	41,050.00	4,500.00	45,550.00
Three Rivers Grammar,	30,162.00	3,000.00	33,162.00
Thorndike Grammar,	32,175.00	2,700.00	34,875.00
Bondsville Grammar,	25,718.00	2,500.00	28,218.00
Wire Mill,	3,732.00	350.00	4,082.00
Palmer Center,	1,872.00	330.00	2,202.00
Shorley,	888.00	190.00	1,078.00
Forest Lake.	1,791.00	180.00	1,971.00
Total,	\$174,638.00	\$18,900.00	\$193,538.00

II. Insurance Upon School Buildings.

School.	Amount of Insurance.	
Palmer High,	\$30,000.00	
Palmer Grammar,	32,500.00	
Three Rivers Grammar,	24,000.00	
Thorndike Grammar,	25,500.00	
Bondsville Grammar,	20,500.00	
Wire Mill,	2,900.00	
Palmer Center,	1,500.00	
Shorley,	700.00	
Forest Lake	1,400.00	
Totals on Buildings,	<hr/>	\$139,000.00
Insurance On Contents,	17,000.00	
Total Insurance,	<hr/>	\$156,000.00
Amount of Insurance,	\$156,000.00	
Rate—Five Years,	1.8%	
Premium,	\$2,808.00	
Average Yearly Premium,	\$561.60	

II. SCHOOL ORGANIZATION.

January 1, 1916.

Year Appointed		Salary.
1911	Clifton H. Hobson, Superintendent, High School.	\$2,100.00
1913	John E. Hurley, Principal,	1,500.00
1904	Genevra F. Clark, Latin,	800.00
1906	Pauline C. Melius, Mathematics,	800.00
1910	Eleanor F. Toolin, French and German,	800.00
1913	George U. Eastman, Commercial,	1,400.00
1914	Georgietta MacIntire, Commercial,	800.00
1915	Anna Bernau, Commercial,	800.00
1915	Leta M. Young, English,	800.00
1915	Clarence T. Hamill, Science,	800.00

Palmer Grammar School

1900	Elizabeth I. Heenehan, Principal, Grade IX,	\$650.00
1909	Agnes I. Mahoney, Grade VIII,	532.00
1914	Jane E. Ruddy, Grade VII,	456.00
1914	Maimie A. Mayor, Grades VI and VII,	456.00
1914	Kathryn L. Hallisey, Grades V and VI,	456.00
1911	Beatrice L. Dillion, Grade V,	532.00
1911	Susan M. Ballou, Grade IV,	532.00
1913	Kathleen M. Quirk, Grade III,	456.00
1913	Agnes C. Carmody, Grades II and III,	456.00
1906	Jane C. Roche, Grade II,	532.00
1911	Rose A. Duffy, Grade I,	532.00
1915	Katherine Duffy, Grade 1,	418.00

Thorndike Grammar School.

1891	Katharine M. Twiss, Prin., Grades VIII-IX,	\$650.00
1911	Florence I. Sampson, Grades VI and VII,	532.00
1910	Bridget Griffin, Grade V,	532.00
1890	Cora B. Clark, Grade IV,	532.00
1912	Mary I. Hartnett, Grade III,	494.00
1914	Florence I. Allen, Grade II,	456.00
1915	Charlotte V. Furfhey, Grade I,	418.00

Three Rivers Grammar School.

1890	Annie E. O'Connor, Prin., Grades VIII-IX,	\$650.00
1910	Luna A. Whitlock, Grade VII,	532.00
1910	Nellie L. Twiss, Grade VI,	532.00
1912	Grace A. Walsh, Grade V,	494.00
1915	Anne Mansfield, Grade IV,	418.00
1896	Lucy B. Twiss, Grade III,	532.00
1915	Lois Mead, Grades II and III,	418.00
1911	Mae C. Fitzgerald, Grade II,	532.00
1909	Flora L. Morey, Grade I,	532.00
1912	Elizabeth A. Shea, Grades 1	494.00

Bondsville Grammar School.

1908	Lucy C. Fitzgerald, Prin., Grades VIII-IX,	\$650.00
1915	Eleanor C. Reardon, Grades VI and VII,	418.00
1913	Helen M. Grace, Grade V,	456.00
1913	Mary G. Hartnett, Grade IV,	456.00
1915	Mary R. Farrell, Grade III,	418.00
1911	Mary E. Quirk, Grade II,	532.00
1914	Bessie King, Grade I,	456.00
1913	Anna C. Bothwell, Grade I,	456.00

Palmer Center School.

1901	May E. Mahoney, Grades I to V,	\$532.00
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Shorley District School.

1909	Maude V. Foley, Grades I to VI,	\$532.00
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Wire Mill School.

1913	Agnes E. Sullivan, Grades III and IV,	\$456.00
1914	Gladys L. Webber, Grades I and II,	456.00

Drawing and Manual Training.

1913	Helen H. Leland,	\$850.00
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Music.

1897	Joannia V. Cantwell,	\$550.00
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I. GRADUATES, 1915.

I. PALMER HIGH SCHOOL.

Four Years' Course.

Harold Elmer Albro,	Walter Bartholamew
Mollie Allen Barton,	Mansfield,
Oliver Prince Bearse,	George McDonald,
Dorothy Buck,	Gladys Marjorie Morse,
Catherine Frances Collins,	Edward O'Connor,
Merrick Woolrich Hellyar,	Daniel Timothy Quirk,
Raymond Cushman Holden,	James Darius Royce,
Roger Cramer Holden,	Ellen Gillette Sayles,
Harold Clark Jameson,	Esther Evangeline Shea,
Edwin Theodore Keefe,	John William Sullivan,
Wilfred Otis Lyon,	Marion Margaret Sullivan,
Wesley Wilbur Magee,	Edith Lenore Twiss,

Commercial Course.

Michael Thomas Cavanaugh,	Dorothy May Peterson,
Harriett Dearborn Clark,	Edna Sophia Richards,
Rolland Joseph Dennis,	Rose Irene Riddle,
John Hobson Healey,	Katherine Caroline Slowick,
Margaret Victoria McKenzie,	Leona Pauline Steele,
William Francis Monroe,	Lawrence Edward Woodgate
Mary Elizabeth Murphy,	Rubie Morrison Jones.

II. GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATES.

Palmer.

*Elsie Patrice Atkins,	*Francis McBride,
*Mabel Vetima Blanchard,	*Mabel Grace McKenzie,
*Harry Lester Bradley,	*Arthur Edward Myers,
Lena Adeline Buffington,	*Thomas O'Connor,
*Lydia Mae Darby,	*Ruth Alice Platt,
*Jerry Timothy Denning,	*Albert Bernard Ross,
Katherine Elizabeth Denning	*Laura Anna Russell,
*George Flynn,	*Frank Slowick,
*Dominic Francesketti,	*Grace Maria Smith,

Florence Gagliano,
 Fred Smith Hobbs,
 *Helen Hodson,
 *Annetta Loftus,

Mary Smith,
 *John Stickney,
 *Charles Bennett Swann,
 *Karen Maria Thompson,

Thorndike.

*Allen George Beveridge,	*Minnie Mary Pelczarski,
*Mildred Frances Cahill,	*Count Edgar Reilly,
*Beatrice Veronica Cavanaugh,	*Daniel Francis Sugrue,
*Bernard Francis Cavanaugh,	*James Francis Sullivan,
*Harold Bernard Griffin,	*Nora Gertrude Sullivan,
*Leslie Raymond Keith,	*Lester William Thomas.

Bondsville.

*Ella Beatrice Callahan,	*Clayton Lewis Holden,
George Francis Belisle,	*Yolande Dagma Marsan,
Paul William Butler,	*Florence Georgianna Monat,
*Joseph Thomas Cavanaugh,	*William Bertram McVickar
*Irene Loretta Doyle,	*Ada Elizabeth Pember,
Lillian Catherine Callahan,	*Lawrence Francis Sullivan,
Anna Mae Shea.	

Three Rivers.

*Clifford Loundes Bamford,	*Thomas Raymond Hartnett
Mildred Blair,	*Pearl Kaplan,
*William Robert Blair,	*Edith Gertrude Ritchie,
*Mildred Dorothy Calkins,	Mary Elizabeth Rukley,
*Mary Emma Clement,	*Lottie Maud Senecal,
*Agnes Cole,	*Minnie Sinclair,
Orise Azilda Dupuis,	*Thomas William Smith,
*Ernest Walter Fenton,	*Lillian May Spillane.

*Those whose names are starred entered the High School.

"NO-SCHOOL" SIGNAL.

The signal is given by direction of the Superintendent of Schools.

The School Committee has adopted the following regulations respecting the "no-school" signals:

The "no-school" signal, when given at 8 o'clock a. m., indicates that there will be no morning session in grades 1, 2 and 3.

When given at 8.30 a. m. indicates that there will be no school in all grades.

When given at 11.15 indicates that there will be no afternoon session for grades 1, 2 and 3.

When given at 11.45 indicates that there will be no afternoon session for all grades.

The "no-school" signal in Precinct A will be given on the fire alarm by three strokes of the bell twice repeated, making nine strokes in all, thus: *** **

In Precinct D, or Bondsville, the "no-school" signal will be given by ringing the school bell.

In other precincts the "no-school" signal will be given by three blasts on the steam chime whistles, each from 3 to 5 seconds' duration, a pause between each blast of from 3 to 5 seconds, thus: — — —. It will also be sounded by the chime whistle of the Wright Wire Company.

The "no-school" signal does not affect the High School; sessions are held there every day.

